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The '96-'97 Polk-Hordville High School student body.
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All the doors are open. Which way do I go?
All the doors are open. Where do they lead?
Which do I choose, does anybody know?
What if I end up in a place of greed?
What if I end up in a place of monotony?
What if it is not for me?

Some of the doors are closed.Was it the right choice?
Some of the doors are closed. Was it really complicated?
Wait! What happened to my voice?
Am I being manipulated?
Is this really my choice?
I think I made a wrong turn?
Am I going to crash and burn?

There are a few doors left. What happened to the maze?
There are a few doors left. Was I really lost?
There are a few doors left. Why is it hesitation stays?
I want to go down this door. But at what cost?
Oh, how I wish I could stay.
But it seems there is no way.

I've made a decision!
I know which way I must go.
No, I'm not headed for a collision.
It's gone by so fast,
even though it seemed so slow.

So with a tear in my eye
and an ache in my heart.
I say "Good-Bye".
Cause' now we must part.

More doors have opened and others have closed.
I've made the right choice,
this I know.
Thank you for hearing my voice.
I've opened the right door.
On this, I'll say no more.

Nick Reeves

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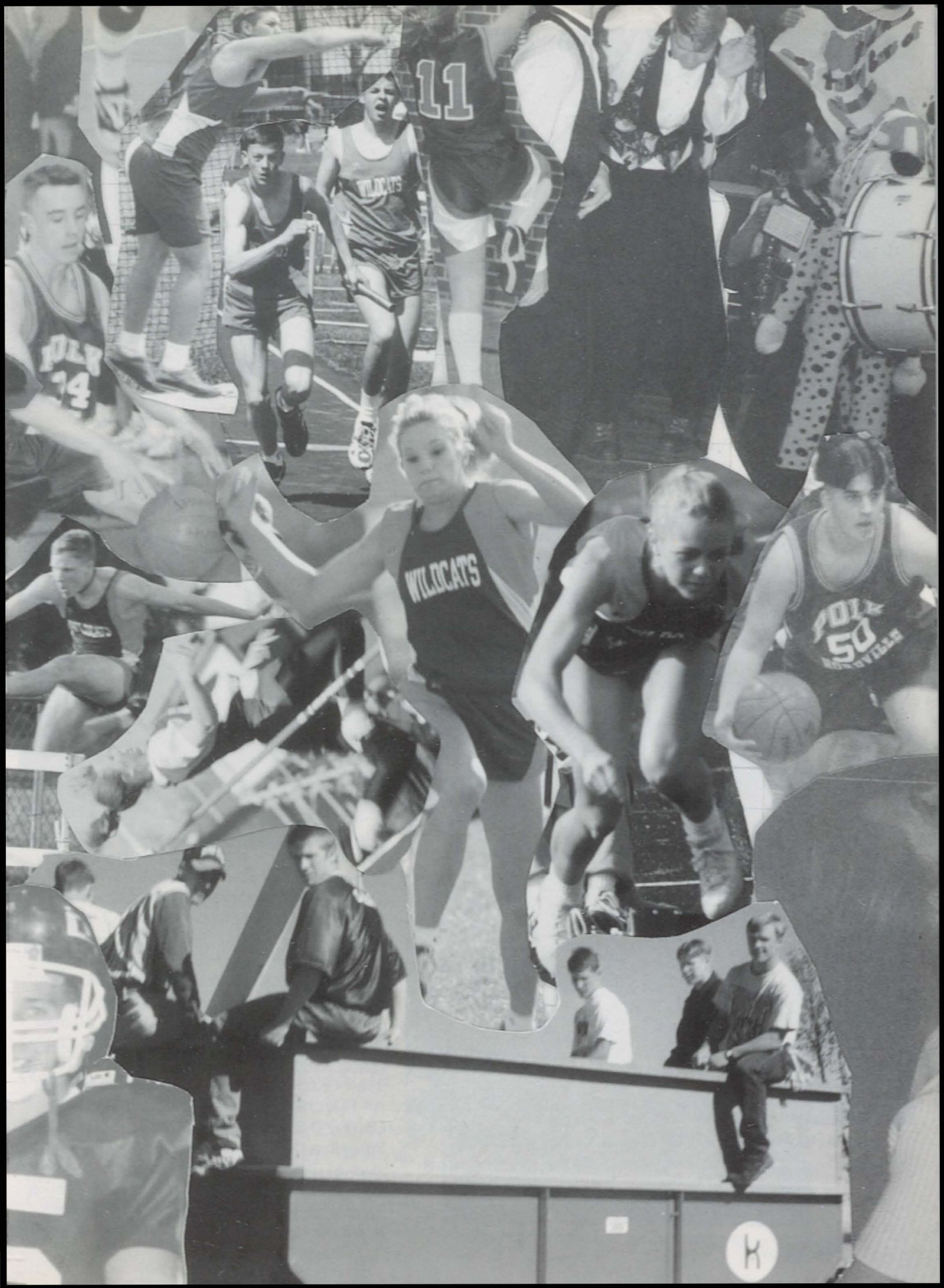
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VOLLEYBALL

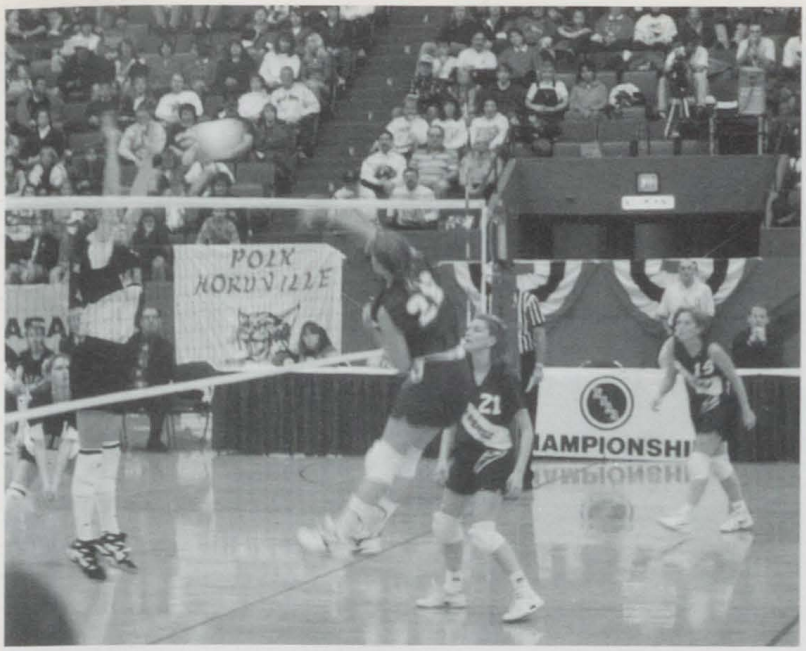
Front row: Timeree Andreasen, Daniella Budach, St. Managers: Megan Stewart, Lindsay Redman, Stacy Person; Katie Erickson, Abbie Mundt. Middle Row: Cortney Ortegren, Janelle Gress, Mindi Fowler, Niki Glasser, Caryn Hudson, Melissa Stewart, Jessica Stevens, Jenny Erickson, Chelsea Fowler. Back Row: Marcy Fierstein-Head Coach, Julia Garey, November Person, Erica Lindburg, Julie Hanquist, Jenna Sealey, Amber Shenk, Amy Hoffman, Thresea Bengtson, Dan Wolfe-Assistant Coach.

" What do you want me to do coach?"

These girls received post season awards for their outstanding athletic ability. Back Row: Julie Hanquist received State Tournament All-Tourney Team, CRC All-Conference 1st Team, Omaha All-State Honorable Mention and Lincoln All-State Class D-1 Honorable Mention. Jenna Sealey received State Tournament All-Tourney Team, Omaha Class D-1 State Volleyball All-Tournament Team, CRC All-Conference 1st Team, Grand Island All-Heartland Volleyball Super Squad 3rd Team, Omaha All-State 1st Team and Lincoln All-State Class D-1 2nd Team. Amber Shenk received State Tournament All-Tourney Team, CRC All-Conference 1st Team, Grand Island All-Heartland Volleyball Super Squad 2nd Team, Omaha All-State Honorable Mention and Lincoln All-State Class D-1 1st Team. Front Row: Mindi Fowler received CRC All-Conference Honorable Mention and Lincoln All-State Class D-1 Honorable Mention. Thresea Bengtson received CRC All-Conference Honorable Mention.

Jenna reaching for another kill.

Caryn getting ready to dig a ball.



Julie putting down another kill.

STATE RUNNER UP

SCOREBOARD

	Opp.	PHS
Dorchester	0	2
Osceola	1	2
Giltner	1	2
Stromsburg Tournament-1st		
East Butler	0	2
Sutton	0	2
Bradshaw	0	2
Benedict	0	2
Friend	1	2
McCool	0	2
Rising City	0	2
Exeter	2	0
Fairmont	0	2
Palmer	0	2
Cedar Rapids	0	2
Hampton	1	2
CRC Tournament-3rd		
Benedict	0	2
Giltner	2	1
Hampton	0	2

	Opp.	PHS
Petersburg	0	2
Clarks	0	2
Sub-Districts-1st		
Hampton	0	2
Stromsburg	0	2
Districts-1st		
Cedar Rapids	0	2
State Tournament-2nd		
Quarter and Semifinals		
Friend	0	2
Wausa	0	2
Finals		
Chappell	2	1

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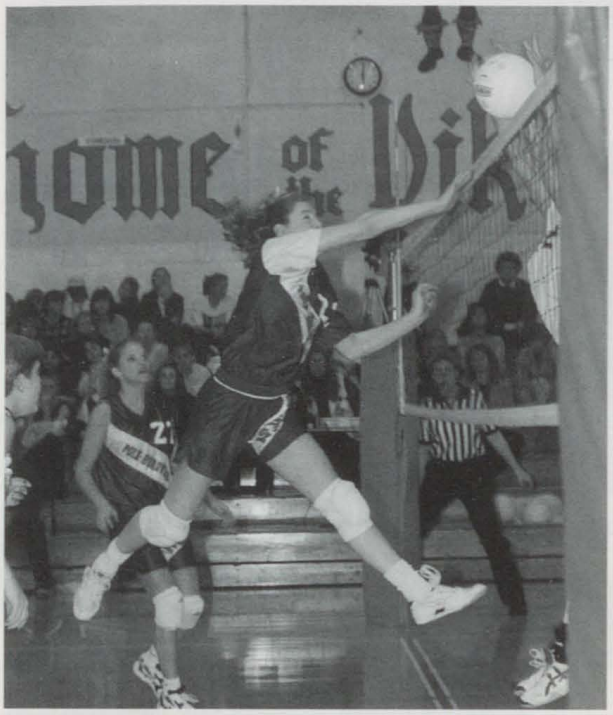
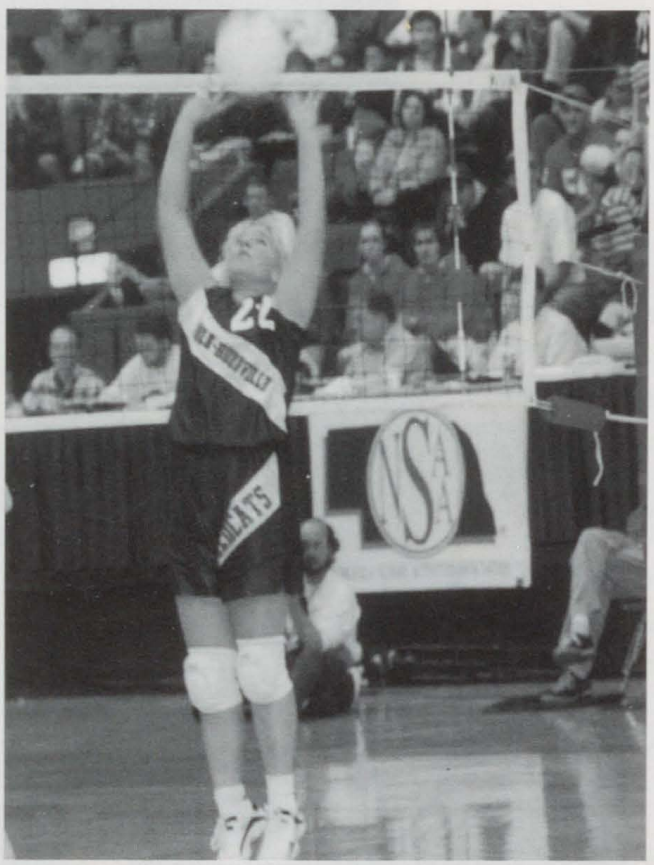


Thresea getting her kill between the blockers.

The 1996 volleyball season started off with another new set of coaches, Marcy Fierstein and Dan Wolfe. It was a good season for the players, there were 6 returning letter-winners, with only one senior on the team.

Many awards and trophies were won by the team; they received 1st at the Stromsburg Tourney, 3rd at CRC, 1st at Sub-districts, 1st at Districts, and 2nd at the State Tourney.

In the State Tournament the Lady Cats defeated Friend in the first round and Wausa in the Semifinals. It was the third year in a row the Cats had defeated an undefeated team in District or State play.



Melissa's setting form at state.

The bench celebrating another great play.

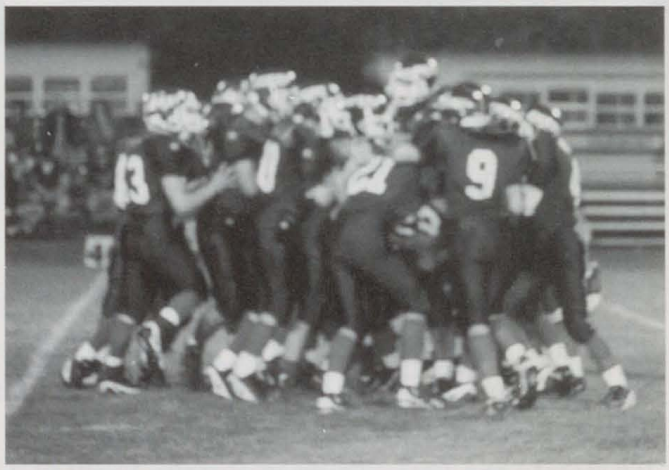
Way To Go Girls

Back row: Chad Majerus, Gabe Hanquist, Nate Hanquist, Dan Warnick, Mike Warnick, Shane Parsons, Jason Lindburg, Anthony Hudson, Nick Larson. Middle row: Asst. Coach Dave Bridges, Chris Burks, Trent Stevens, Lee Wolfe, Andrew Carlson, Jeff Tonniges, Brent Pickrel, Brad Bankson, Ryan Sandell, Lane Lindburg, Jeff L'Heureux, Shawn Hanquist, Head Coach Jeff Ashby. Front row: Josh Rystrom, Sondre Asdol, Chad Hoffman, Clint Hoffman, John Garrett, Ben Garrett, Jeremy Garrett, Chad Garrett, Brad Carlson, Adam Carlson, Jon Sundburg. Student managers: Dustin Carlson and Tyan Tonniges.

Our foreign exchange student, Sondre Asdoel kicking off.

Anthony running from Palmers' defensive line.

Clint handing off the football to Ben.



The all famous huddle before the game.

Post Season Awards: Back row: Chad Hoffman-CRC 1st team defense; Mike Warnick-CRC 1st team offense and defense, Omaha All-State 8-man Honorable Mention; Sondre Asdoel-CRC 1st team kicker, G.I. All-Heartland Honorable Mention, Omaha All-State 8-man 1st team kicker; Front row: Ben Garrett-CRC 1st team offense and defense, CRC Honorable Mention returner, G.I. All-Heartland 8-man 1st team defense, Omaha All-State 8-man Honorable Mention, 8-man All-Star game; Nate Hanquist-CRC Honorable Mention defense; Clint Hoffman-CRC 1st team offense.

Jason, Brad, and Clint ready for the next play.

Ben going for a touchdown from the NE Christian Eagles.

Football

The 1996 football team was a team dominated by youth and inexperience. Many personnel changes were made during the season, trying to find the right combination for us to succeed. Although the outcome of the season wasn't what we wanted, many good things happened to give us memories we will all cherish as players and coaches when we look back on the year. The season ended on a 4-5 record with the appearance in the state playoffs.

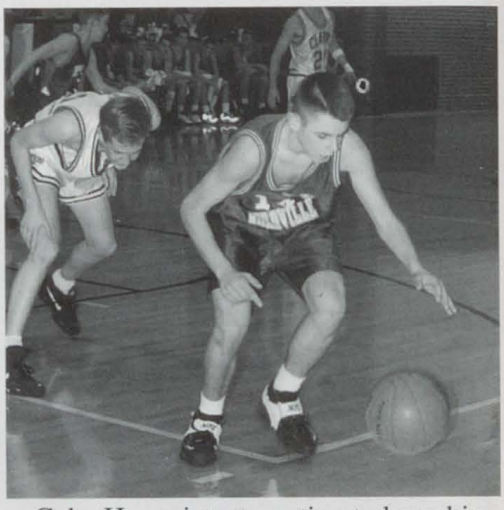
SCOREBOARD

Polk-Hordville	40
Dorchester	20
Polk-Hordville	16
NE Christian	28
Polk-Hordville	50
Giltner	13
Polk-Hordville	13
Friend	58
Polk-Hordville	19
NE Fillmore	44
Polk-Hordville	24
Hampton	12
Polk-Hordville	45
Clay Center	19
Polk-Hordville	21
Petersburg	38
Polk-Hordville	21
Sterling	66

Top Row: Jeff Tonniges, Dan Warnick, Josh Rystrom, Andrew Carlson, Trent Stevens, Shawn Hanquist. Middle Row: Head Coach Keith Leckron, Gabe Hanquist, Eric Blase, Anthony Hudson, Shane Parsons, Lane Lindburg, Jeff L'Heureux, Assistant Coach Doug Shenk. Bottom Row: Lee Wolfe, Jason Lindburg, Keith Gress, Ben Garrett, Clint Hoffman, Brad Bankson, Chad Garrett, Nate Hanquist, Nick Larson.

Nate Hanquist attempting to score at the CRC Tourney with Clint Hoffman backing him up.

Ben Garrett showing off his great lay-up form and Anthony Hudson ready to help in anyway.



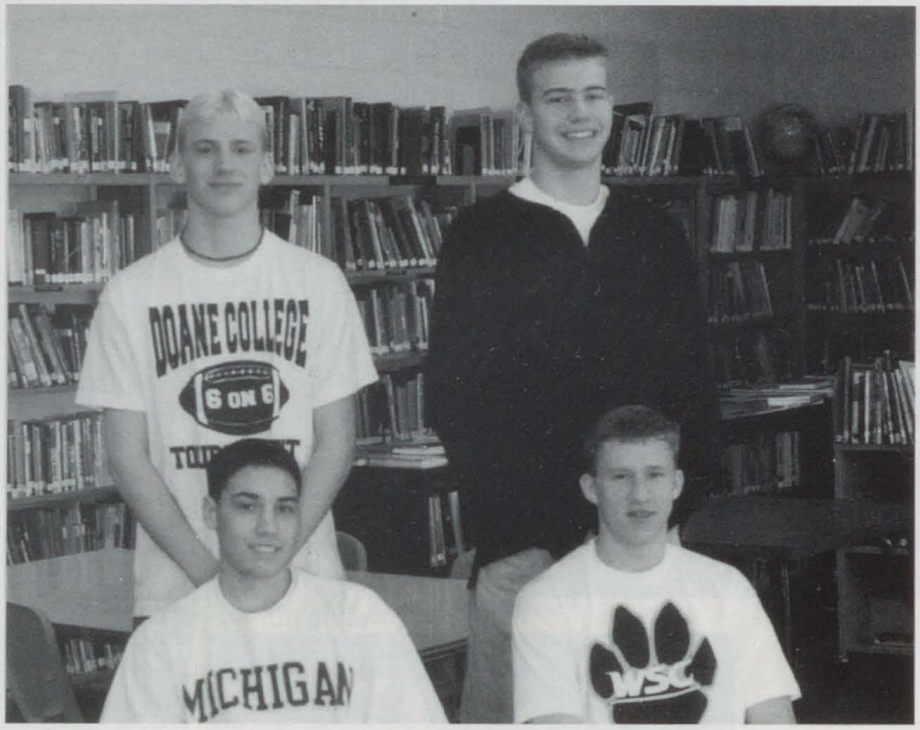
Gabe Hanquist attempting to keep his dribble under control.

Keith Gress skying high to pull down the rebound.

Lee Wolfe trying to come up with another assist.

The players on the bench play an important part in this game of basketball. They must pay attention to the game at all times and be ready to play at any given moment.

Lane Lindburg going to the hole.



Post Season Honors were received by these boys for their performance during the basketball season: Back row: Keith Gress was chosen as an alternate for the CRC/GRC All-Star Game. Shane Parsons received All-State HM (Omaha), All-Heartland HM (GI), Star All-State HM (Lincoln), All-Area Top 20 (York), and CRC-1st team. Front row: Lee Wolfe received CRC HM. Ben Garrett received CRC HM and will play in the CRC/GRC All-Star Game.

Shane Parsons draining his patented lay-up.

Jeff Tonniges, Josh Rystrom and Nick Larson causing a turnover.

Boys Basketall

The boys basketball team improved upon last year's season by winning 13 games. One of the highlights was defeating Hampton in 3 overtimes to make it to the finals of the CRC Tournament for a rematch with #1 ranked Friend.

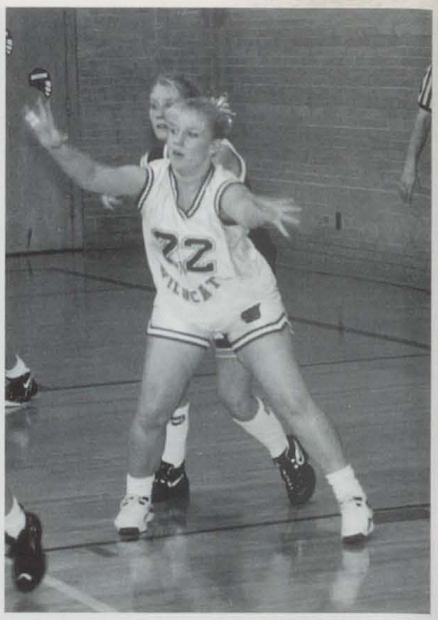
This team was tough to beat in close games. Every game decided by less than 10 points went into the victory column for the Wildcats. The graduating seniors will be missed, but they still look forward to another successful season next year.

SCOREBOARD

P-H 70	Osceola 68	CRC Tourney	
P-H 53	Palmer 68	P-H 73	Dorchester 44
P-H 75	Benedict 52	P-H 63	Hampton 60 (3OT)
P-H 80	NE Christian 44	P-H 45	Friend 69
P-H 63	Fairmont 53	P-H 35	Stromsburg 51
P-H 57	Clarks 55	P-H 87	Bradshaw 41
Holiday Tourney		P-H 60	Giltner 74
P-H 50	Shickley 70	P-H 70	Exeter 43
P-H 66	Clay Center 58	P-H 58	Rising City 30
P-H 63	McCool 52	P-H 55	Hampton 72
P-H 75	Dorchester 69	Sub-Districts	
P-H 69	Friend 96	P-H 36	Shelby 72

Final Record 13-8

Chad Garrett and Shane skying for the rebound.



Above: Julie Hanquist and Mindi Fowler watches for a chance to steal the ball on defense.
Left: Amber Shenk puts the ball up for two points while Niki Glasser watches and is ready for a rebound.
Right: Melissa Stewart pushes her way to the basketball waiting for the pass from a teammate.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mindi Fowler watches as Caryn Hudson makes a move for the basketball.

Above: Assistant coach Dani Redman and Head coach Craig Brown look relaxed as they watch the reserves play at Clarks. Above right: Daniella Budach, our foreign exchange student from Germany, wonders why this game of basketball is so rough. Right: Jenna Sealey shoots a 3-pointer over the opponent.

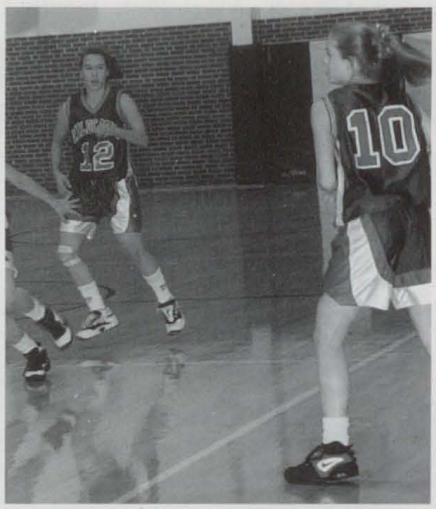
Girls basketball was headed by two new coach's this year. Craig Brown took over the realm as head coach and Dani Redman was assistant coach.

Amber Shenk had a record year in rebounds with 195 for the season and a career high of 477. Jenna Sealey follows in that area with 185 rebounds for the season. The team also set 2 records, the first is the fewest points allowed in a half, 2 points with Hampton; and the second record set was the most points allowed in a game, 79 with Exeter.

Overall, the team had a pretty good year. They were 5-0 going into the holiday break and improved to 10-2 for a seed in the CRC tourney. After that tournament they started to struggle and ended the year with a record of 14-8.

Above: Girls Basketball Team
Back row: Head Coach Craig Brown, Julia Garey, November Person, Daniella Budach, Thresea Bengtson, Amber Shenk, Jill Rust, Tiffany Majerus, Asst. Coach Dani Redman.
Front row: Christina Pickrel, Melissa Stewart, Julie Hanquist, Mindi Fowler, Amy Hoffman, Jenna Sealey, Niki Glasser, Caryn Hudson, Erica Lindburg.

These girls received post season awards for their basketball ability. **Jenna Sealey** - CRC 1st Team, All State D-1 Honorable Mention (Omaha), All Heartland Honorable Mention (GI), All State D-1 Honorable Mention (Lincoln), All Area Top 20 (York). **Amber Shenk** - CRC 1st Team, All State D-1 Honorable Mention (Omaha), All Heartland Honorable Mention (GI), All State D-1 Honorable Mention (Lincoln), All Area Top 20 (York). **Julie Hanquist** - CRC Honorable Mention, All State D-1 Honorable Mention (Omaha), All Heartland Honorable Mention (GI), All State D-1 Honorable Mention (Lincoln), All Area Honorable Mention (York).



Amy Hoffman looking to Niki Glasser for the pass.

Erica Lindburg and Tiffany Majerus on defense.

SCOREBOARD

	PHHS	OPP
Osceola	40	31
Benedict	53	36
NE Christian	42	12
Fairmont	60	31
Clarks	53	40
Clay Center Tourney		
Shickley	48	44
Clay Center	46	41
Shelby	67	37
Hampton	53	43
McCool	59	58
Dorchester	76	32
Friend	49	46

	PHHS	OPP
CRC Tourney		
Giltner	42	23
Friend	34	48
McCool	44	49
Stromsburg	49	59
Bradshaw	64	23
Giltner	60	39
Exeter	54	79
Rising City	66	30
Sub-Districts		
Hampton	55	19
Stromsburg	47	60

Final Record 14-8

Christina Pickrel ready for the ball with November Person coming to help out.

Girls Track CRC CHAMPS

Back row: Amy Hoffman, Thresea Bengtson, Mindi Fowler, Amber Shenk, Larissa Jones, Tiffany Majerus, Julie Hanquist, Daniella Budach.
Front row: November Person, Caryn Hudson, Timeree Andreasen, Melissa Stewart, Abbie Mundt, Erica Lindburg, Niki Glasser. Not pictured: Janelle Gress, and Jenna Sealey.

Senior Larissa Jones receives the 1st Place trophy for the girls track team at the CRC track meet.

First, Second, and Third place finishes in the 100 meter dash at the CRC track meet. Abbie Mundt-third place, Niki Glasser-second place, and Jenna Sealey-first place.

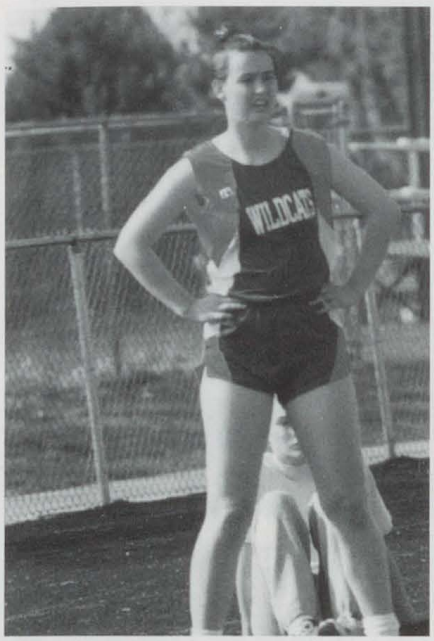
November Person throwing the shot put at the CRC track meet.

Right: Mr. Brown making the girls mad so that they run faster.
Far right: Julia Garey, Amber Shenk, Mindi Fowler in the 300 meter hurdles.

Tiffany Majerus's form was so good that she placed at several track meets.

Amy Hoffman running her leg of the 3200 meter relay.

Timeree Andresen hoping the end is in sight.



Daniella Budach, our foreign exchange student, is thinking "Coach, I'm not ready to run again!"

Successful would be a good word to describe this year for the girls track team's season. They received first place at the Clarks, CRC, Palmer, Hampton and District meets. At the Henderson meet, they had a fourth place finish. They also partook in the Republican-Nonpareil meet where no points were tallied and we had four girls attend the Central Nebraska Championship meet along with the 1600 meter relay team. There were points coming from many different participants and events to contribute to these finishes.

Jenna Sealey received the Gayle Arnett trophy at the Crossroad Conference meet. She also qualified for the State Track meet in the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

Mindi Fowler qualified for the State Track meet in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles.

Coaches Meyer, Brown, Bridges and Cotter all helped achieve this successful season for the girls. These coaches spend lots of hours helping the athletes out during practices everyday after school.

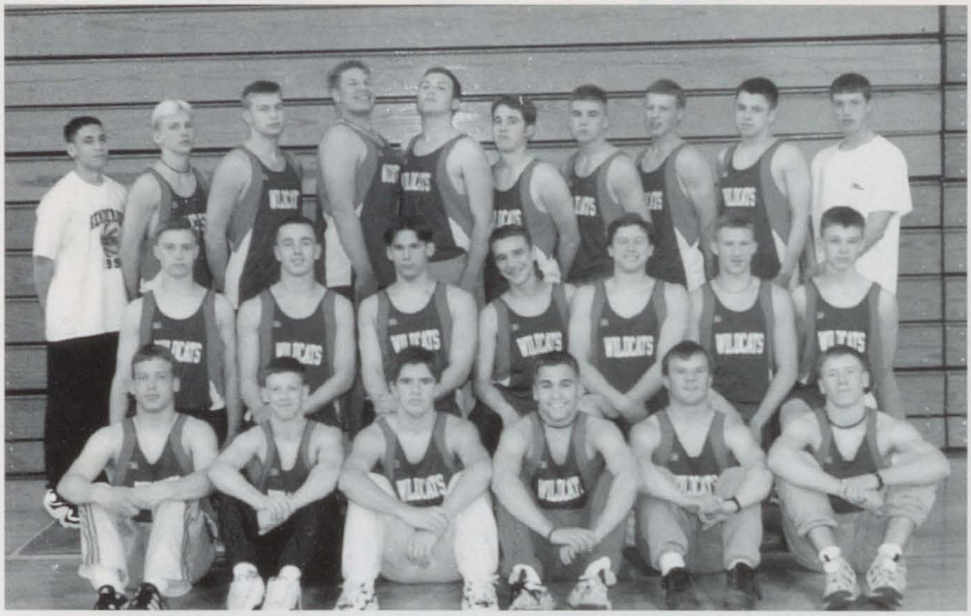
Julie Hanquist putting all her might into it and getting 3rd place at CRC.

Melissa Stewart says: "Measure it, I'm sure it's still in bounds."

Thresea Bengtson getting the hand off from Tiffany Majerus in this relay.

Janelle Gress ready for her race.

Caryn Hudson running a relay.



Boys Track Team: Back row: Lee Wolfe, Keith Gress, Shane Parsons, Mike Warnick, Brad Bankson, Lane Lindburg, Anthony Hudson, Chad Hoffman, Gabe Hanquist, Dan Warnick. Middle row: Andrew Carlson, Nate Hanquist, Jeremy Garrett, Josh Rystrom, John Garrett, Ben Garrett, Trent Stevens. Front row: Clint Hoffman, Jeff L'Heureux, Ryan Sandell, Sondre Asdoel, Jon Sundberg, Chad Garrett.

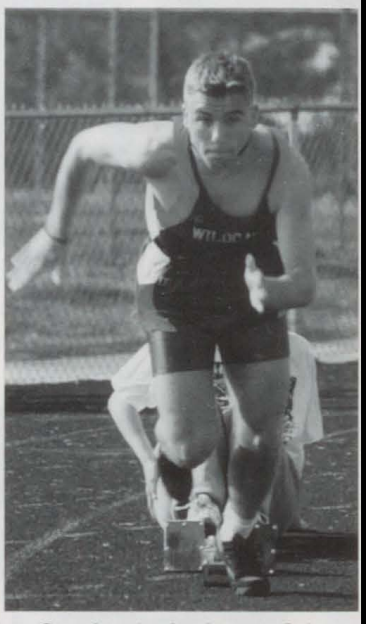
Boys Track

Ben Garrett taking first place in the 100 meter dash and Jeremy Garrett coming in for a 5th place finish. Ben qualified for the State Track meet in the 200.

Shane Parsons making it over the high jump bar

Keith Gress just missing this jump.

Jeff L'Heureux leading for the time being.



Sondre Asdoel out of the starting blocks.

Left: Chad Garrett making his jump for the triple jump. Right: John Garrett heaves the shot put. Center right: Mike Warnick gets ready to throw the discus. Far right: Chad Hoffman has great form.

Ben Garrett and Jenna Sealey received the Gayle Arnett Trophies from the CRC track meet. Great Job Polk-Hordville Tracksters!

Anthony Hudson gets a great jump for the triple jump competition. Anthony qualified for the State Track meet in this event.

Ben Garrett puts everything he has into his jump.

Brothers, Nate and Gabe Hanquist run the 3200 meter run at the Henderson track meet.

Boys Track

By the end of the season, the boys track team had put every thing in place and brought home a first place finish, from the Hampton Invite. Throughout the season the team fought hard. They had many boys place in the meets they attended and always placed in the top half of every meet, but maybe one. The six track meets they took part in were: the Republican-Nonpareil, Clarks Invite, Henderson Invite, CRC, Palmer and Hampton.

Ben Garrett was invited to attend the Central Nebraska Championship meet in Grand Island in the 100 meter dash. He had to have a runoff in this event.

Ben Garrett and Anthony Hudson both qualified for the State Track meet in Omaha. Ben in the 200 meter dash and Anthony in the triple jump.

The coaches, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Brown and Mr. Cotter were pleased with the results the team but forward for the year.

Andrew Carlson crosses the finish line.

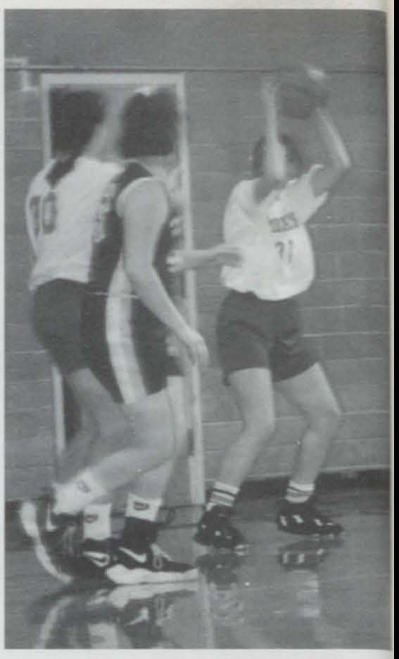
Lane Lindburg clears this hurdles with room to spare.

Jon Sundberg puts all his power into his shot put throw.

Left: Josh Rystrom running the 1600 meter run at the CRC track meet.

Front row: Tasha Thomsen, Stacy Hoffman, Jessie Grant, Lisa Garrett, Erin Garrett, Tracy Bankson, Sarah Wolfe. Middle row: Jennifer McKillip, Christa Hudson, Jenny Rystrom, Jacque L'Heureux, Kiley Friesen, Kate Garey. Back row: Crystal Lindburg, KT Reeves, Chelsea Crouch, Mandi Price, Valerie Schulze, Lindsay Person.

Tracie Bankson puts one up with Mandie Price there for the rebound.



Jessie Grant preparing another play for the Wildcats

Middle School Girls Basketball

Erin Garrett getting ready to pass the ball.

KT Reeves showing her dribbling skills

Lisa Garrett goes for the shot.

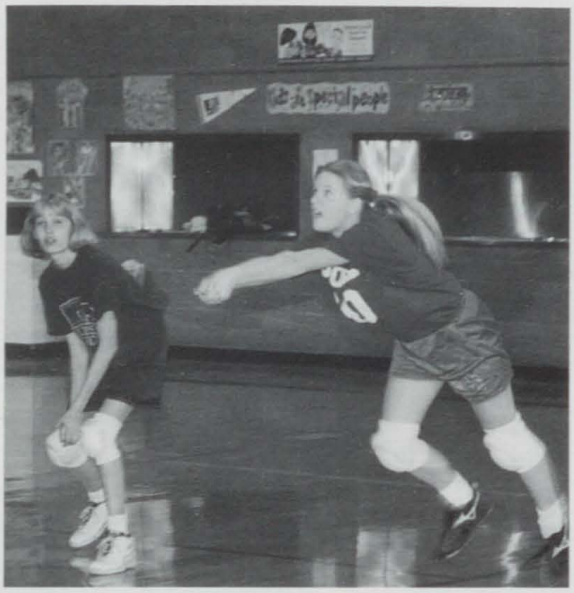
Front Row: Melissa Blase-St. Manager, Kiley Friesen, Lindsay Person, Sarah Wolfe, KT Reeves, Kayla Johansen-St. Manager. Middle row: Mandi Price, Valerie Schulze, Erin Garrett, Chelsea Crouch, Christa Hudson, Jacque L'Heureux. Back row: Kate Garey, Stacy Hoffman, Lisa Garrett, Crystal Lindburg, Jessie Grant.

Sarah Wolfe ":flying" over the hurdles.

Crystal Lindburg with a great finish in the 100 meter dash.

Middle School Volleyball

Front row: Jennifer McKillip, Christa Hudson, KT Reeves, Erin Garrett, Lisa Garrett, Tracy Bankson, Stacy Hoffman, Sarah Wolfe. Middle row: Kayla Johansen, Jen Werner, Melissa Blase, Mandi Price, Kate Garey, Jenny Rystrom, Lindsay Person, Johanna Saeger, Crystal Lindburg. Back row: Jacque L'Heureux, Valerie Schulze, Sarah Hanquist, Chelsea Crouch, Kiley Friesen, Tasha Thomsen, Jessie Grant, Leah Glasier.



Erin Garrett stretching for yet another ball as Kaya Johansen gets ready to back her up.

Above left: Jennifer McKillip reacts to the return she just made. Above right: Crystal Lindburg ready to fight for her team Right: Tracie Bankson serving. Far right: KT Reeves frustrated from this game known as volleyball.

Girls Middle School Track

Mandi Price near the finish line.

KT Reeves finishes strong

Christa Hudson pacing herself in this race.

Chelsea Crouch looks for the finish line.

FOOTBALL

Front row: Chad Tonniges, Curtis Carlson, Tony Leckron, Travis Blaze, Preston Parsons, Ryan McKillip, Mark Stokes. Middle row: Aaron Gray, Byron Carlson, Brandon Nielson, Brad Warnick, Mike Stokes, Brett Erickson, Dan Brockevelt. Back row: Jason Garrett, Matt Veburg, Andrew Holtorf, Clint Gustafson, Jim Rahrs, Mark Collet, Clay Stevens, Tyson Glasser.

Mark Stokes setting up the block for the punt.

Great defensive to stop the opposition.

Dan Brockevelt ready to block so Tyson Glasser can run up the field.

Middle School Boys Sports

Back row: Matt Veburg, Ryan Spence, Tyson Glasser, Clay Stevens, Aaron Gray, Andrew Holtorf. Middle row: Travis Blase, Dan Brockevelt, Curtis Carlson, Preston Parsons, Brandon Hanquist. Front row: Nick Rodine, Tony Leckron, Brad Carlson.

Tyson Glasser making it over the high jump bar..

Track

Back row: Byron Carlson, Travis Blase, Jason Garrett, Matt Veburg, Dustin Bodfield, Clay Stevens, Mike Stokes, Clint Gustafson, Andrew Holtorf, Brad Warnick, Aaron Gray, Coach Steve Meyer. Front row: Brandon Hanquist, Ryan McKillip, Marc Stokes, Jens Jensen, Tyson Glasser, Ryan Spence, Curtis Carlson, Preston Parsons, Tony Leckron, Dan Brockevelt, and Nick Rodine.

Ryan McKillip trying to shoot over the wall of defense.

Jens Jensen shooting over the crowd of defenders.

Tyson Glasser ready to pass the ball to a teammate.

Dustin Bodfield putting up the ball for two points.

BASKETBALL

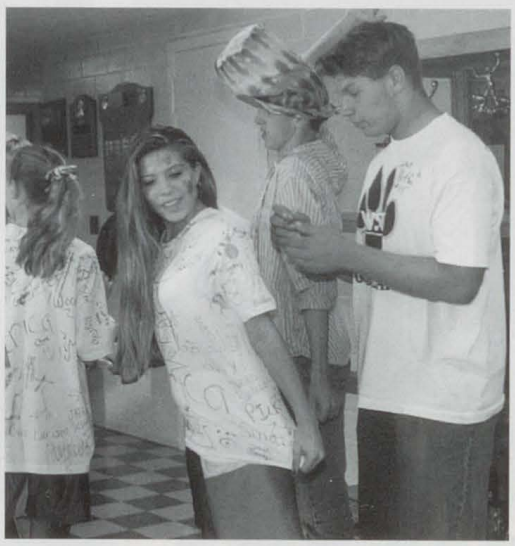
Dan Brockevelt handing off the baton to Tony Leckron.

Matt Veburg jumping the hurdles.

Tyson Glasser and Aaron Gray runninng the 100 meter dash.

HOMECOMING 96 CROSSROADS

Back row: 1st attendants-Melissa Stewart & Clint Hoffman; 1995 Queen & King-Jenny Sundberg & Thomas Blase; 2nd attendants-Keith Gress, Christina Pickrel & Shawn Sandell. Front row: Crown bearer-Anna Swanson; 1996 Queen & King-Missy Ellison & Ben Garrett; Crown bearer-David Keeney.



Katie Erickson, Mike Warnick, and Nick Larson having fun signing shirts for red, white and blue day.

Rachael Knievel putting make-up on Ben Garrett; and Ben not liking the idea of it.

Brent Pickrel showing off his stuff at the pep rally

Dress up days are always popular during Homecoming week. In addition to the dress up days. We also had class competitions everyday after lunch. Monday the girl got to put makeup on the boys and selected judges pick the best made up face. Tuesday was the donut eating contest where four lucky people, from each class, get to try to eat donuts off a string without dropping any. Wednesday was scooter races. Thursday was a dance contest doing the twist. And, Friday was to see who had the best legs out of some of the male teachers. Freshman won the everyday competition.

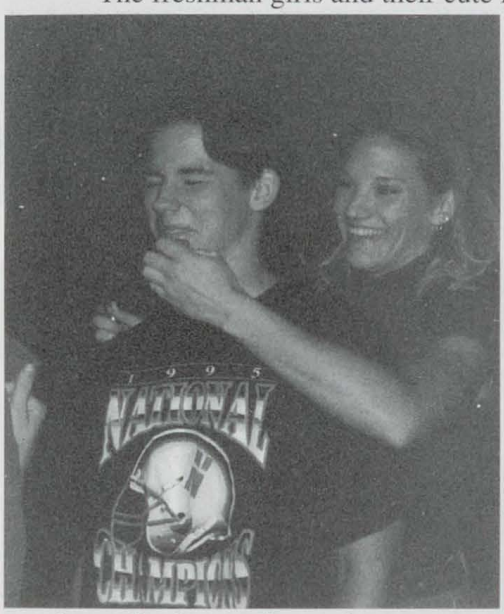
Mr. and Mrs. Garrett having fun at the town pep rally.

Jon Knievel and Nick Larson having fun in the donut eating contest.

Larissa Jones, Missy Ellison, and Sarah Johnson. showing off their outfits for 50's/60's day.

The freshman girls and their cute P.J.'s for Pajama day.

Timeree Andreasen and Abbie Mundt looking like a couple of the guys for opposite sex day.

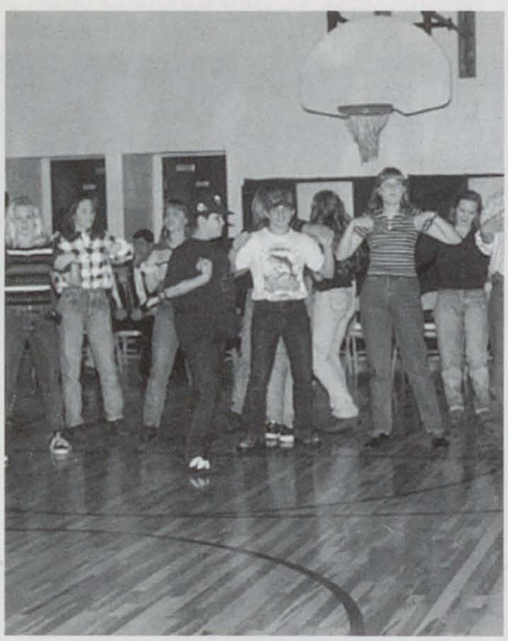


Jenna Sealey putting make-up on Jeremy Garrett;
"Doesn't he look like he's enjoying it?"

Mike Warnick and Rachel Knievel dancing.

Dress Up Days

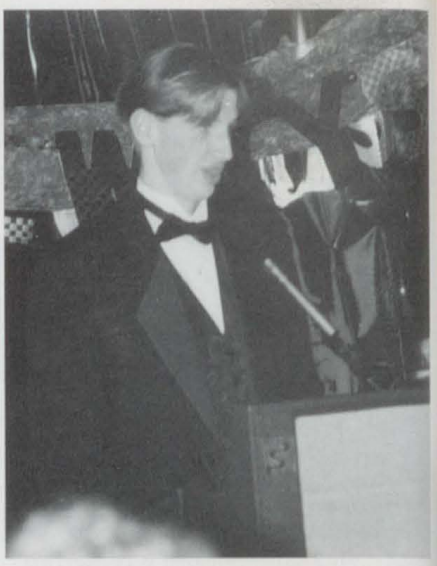
Monday: Opposite sex day.
Tuesday: Pajama day.
Wednesday: Formal day.
Thursday: 50's/60's day
Friday: Red, White, and Blue day.
The Seniors won the competition for the class that had the most participation.



Fun was had by all at the dance, especially when the Macarena, Chicken Dance and YMCA were played.

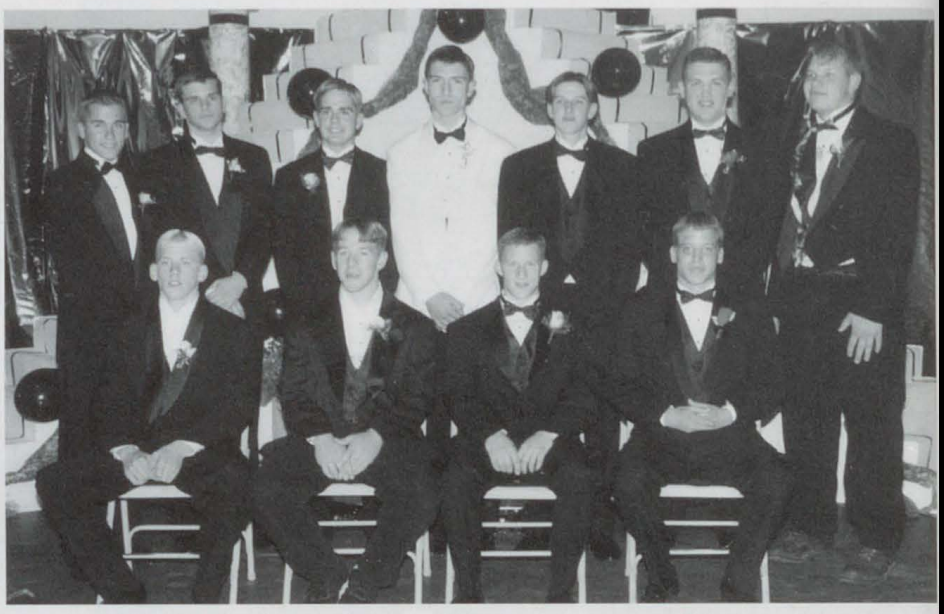
Prom 97

The Seniors' and Juniors' last prom together. Smile!



Nick Reeves read the Senior Class Wills at the banquet.

Sondre Asdoel cleaning up the punch that he knocked over.



The Senior boys all decked out in their tuxes. What studs!

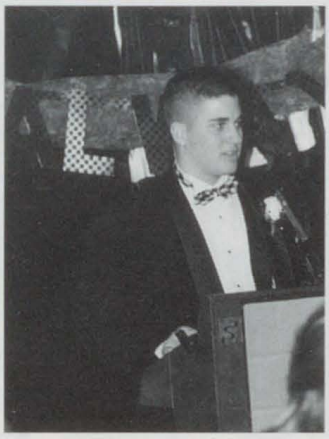
Wow, look at those legs, girls!

The Juniors all decked out for the evening.

Far Right: Aaron Mundt even got into the dancing.
Right: A group at post prom, EATING?

Always and Forever

The Garrett men all together.



Nick Larson was toast master.

Jeremy Garrett read the senior prophesy.

All the parents at post prom that made the night lots of fun. Thanks to everyone that helped.

Keith Gress and Jason Lindburg and their dates dancing a slow dance.

YES! Another slow dance

Nick Larson and everyone else dancing up a storm.

Left: Chad Garrett, Lane Lindburg, Rachael Knievel, Nick Larson and his date taking control of the dance floor. Below: Sophomore servers were kept busy all night serving everyone at the banquet. Far left: Marita Riebschlager and November Person. Middle: Lee Wolfe and Shane Parsons. Right: Chad Hoffman. Not pictured: Jeff L'Heureux and Sara Bankson.

All Activities Banquet & Dance

Caryn Hudson was awarded the All Around Female Student Award voted on by the faculty.

Ben Garrett receiving the All Around Male Student Award from Mr. Leckron.

The students have different ways of reacting to the evenings presentations. Some seem to enjoy it and then others look kind of bored with the whole thing.

Jeremy Garrett plays with his spoon during Mr. Ashby's football awards.

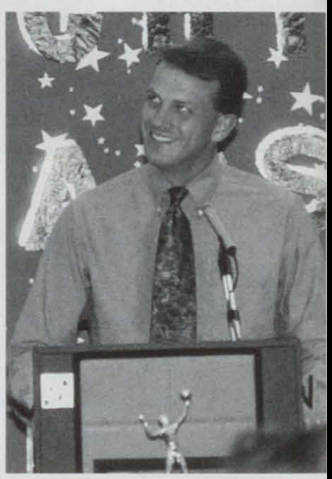
Pat Vest and Becky Carlstrom sponsor the Wildcat Club. They are the ones that are responsibl for this banquet every year

John Garrett tells Jon Sundberg; "See I told you, your name would be called sometime tonight."

Janelle Gress reacts to a sponsor's comment.

The Night The Stars Came Out

The ever popular potluck meal fixed by the parents. No one should go home hungry from this evening's meal. The food is always excellent and there is always a lot to go around. A person could get seconds and probably thirds.



Mr. Brown speaking for girls basketball must have said something wrong. His reaction tells us "that didn't come out of my mouth right." All the sponsors/coaches of activities present awards to the students and comment about their season.

Missy Ellison (left) and Larissa Jones (right) received the Most Valuable Person award in Chorus and Band. These awards are voted on by the students in Chorus and Band.

Sarah Johnson was awarded The John Philip Sousa Band Award.

Melissa Stewart getting the National School Choral Award from Mr. Hess.

The job nobody ever wants to do, cleaning off the tables and clearing the gym floor. This year the job had to be done immediately, so the dance could start. The Student Council sponsored the dance.

It didn't matter if you had a danceing partner or not at the dance. Everyone who wanted to dance just got out on the dance floor and took their turn. Fun was had by all, we think. These pictures should give a little clue to the fun that was going on. Above: Boys dancing with boys and girls dancing with girls. Below: The famous YMCA song that everyone in the gym got up to take part in.

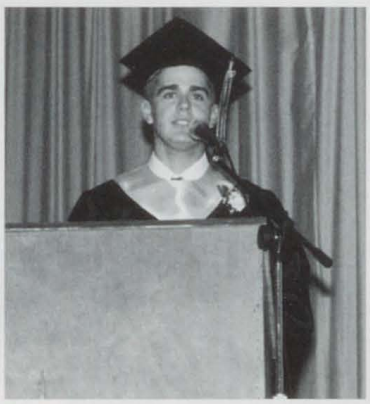
Decorating is done for the banquet during the afternoon of that day. Above: The girls put the final touches on the front table that holds all the trophies won throughout the year. Below right: Dusty Hill takes off her star after the award ceremony is done. Every student who has participated in one of the school's many activities has their name on a star for the wall in the gym. This year's theme was The Night The Stars Came Out.

Left: Chad Garrett expresses his feelings at the end of the evening. Everyone was exhausted by the time the dance got over. Especially if you danced at all.

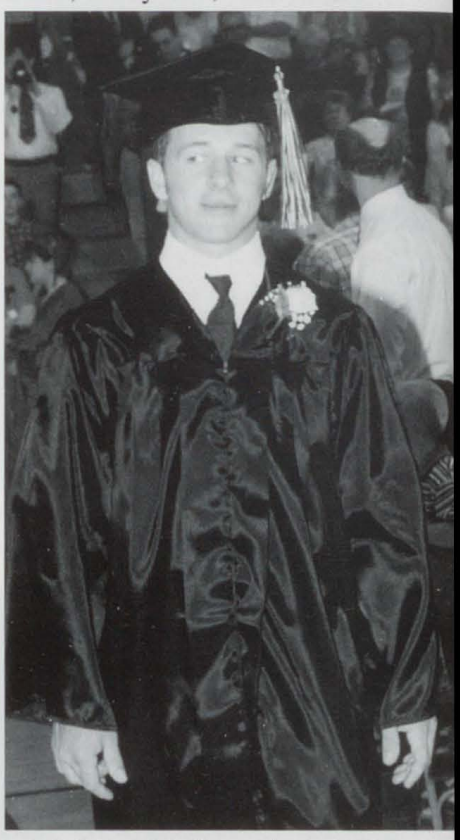
Graduation

Class of 1997 Left: Chad Hoffman, Jason Lindburg, Mike Warnick, Sondre Asdoel, Brad Bankson, Aaron Mundt, Ben Garrett, Keith Gress, Justin Cox, Nick Reeves, Shawn Sandell. Above: Melissa Stewart, Daniella Budach, Christina Pickrel, Missy Ellison, Rachael Knievel, Sarah Johnson, Dusty Hill, Larissa Jones.

Valedictorian, Ben Garrett
The race between these two was so close, they didn't know until all the grades were turned in on Friday before graduation.

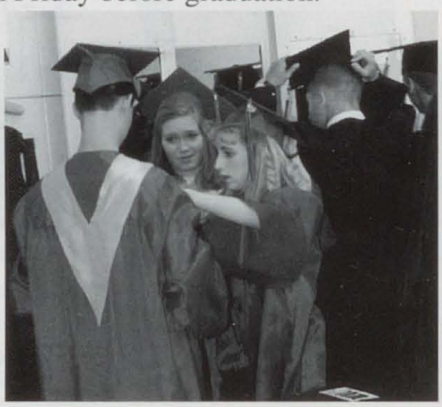


Shawn Sandell was Salutatorian.

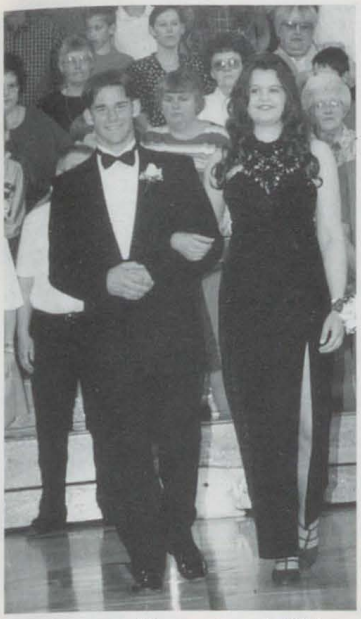


Above: Jason Lindburg looks to someon in the crowd and says, "I told you I would make it to this day."
Below: Clint Hoffman gets a hug fron his sister Stacy after the ceremony in the receiving line. Sondre Asdoel and Keith Gress wonder if they are next ar Brad Bankson and Daniella Budach look around to see who's there.

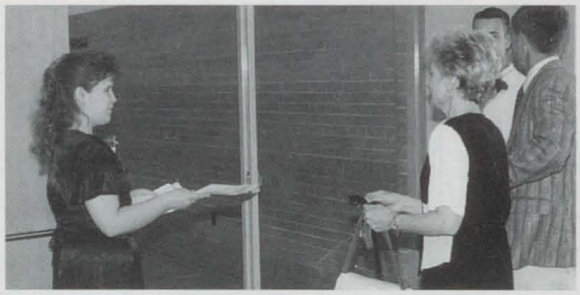
Emotions run high when the seniors present red roses to their mothers. Above: Rachael Knievel (front) gives her mother a hug while Dusty Hill (back) gets a hug from her father. Below: Ben Garrett gives his mother a hug before handing her the rose.



Preparations, preparations! Missy Ellison and Dusty Hill give Daniella Budach some help with her National Honor Society collar while one of the boys tries to get their hat in place.



Jeremy Garrett and Jill Bankson were chosen to be the Junior Marshals.



The seniors picked four juniors to hand out programs for them. Above: Jenny Erickson and Nate Hanquist are kept busy. Below: Chad Garrett and Thresea Bengtson hand out programs.

Mike Warnick receives his diploma from Dan Collett, President of the Board. On the way back to his chair, Mike does a little dance for making it through his four years of high school.

Mrs. Davis, the senior class sponsor is left cleaning up after the ceremony is over. Hopefully the seniors remember to come back and pick up these things.

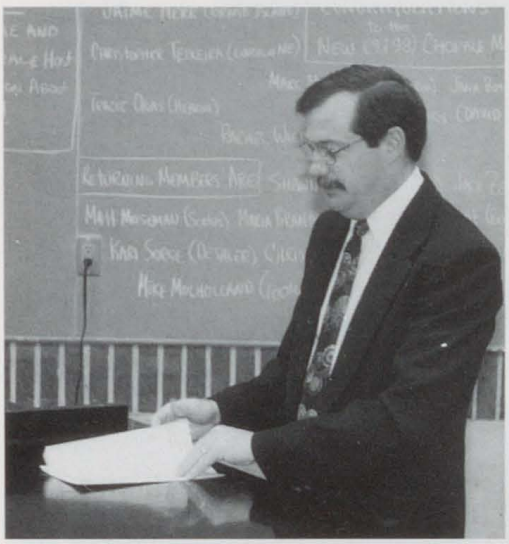
Aaron Mundt and Nick Reeves can't wait to get done with the reception line and get these robes off.

The Class of 1997 poses for one last group picture. They are all thinking, "We Made It!"

Marching in for graduation is handled differently by every person. This year, I don't think we had one person cry on the way in. Melissa Stewart (two above), Justin Cox (above), Larissa Jones (above left) and Christina Pickrel (left) all seem to be glad this day is finally here. Far left: The group meets before hand to get ready and exchange gifts.

CHORUS

Choir members: Aaron Wilshusen, Larissa Jones, Missy Ellison, Dusty Hill, Jessica Stevens, November Person, Abby Pleis, Chelsea Fowler, Melissa Stewart, Jenny Erickson.



Mr. Fred Hess, the music instructor, is getting ready for the choirs performance at district contest.

Jessica Stevens and Caryn Hudson received an Excellent on their Piano Duet at districts.

Mary Jane Samuels is the accompanist for the choir at all of the concerts they put on and also at district contest.

Honor Choir Members

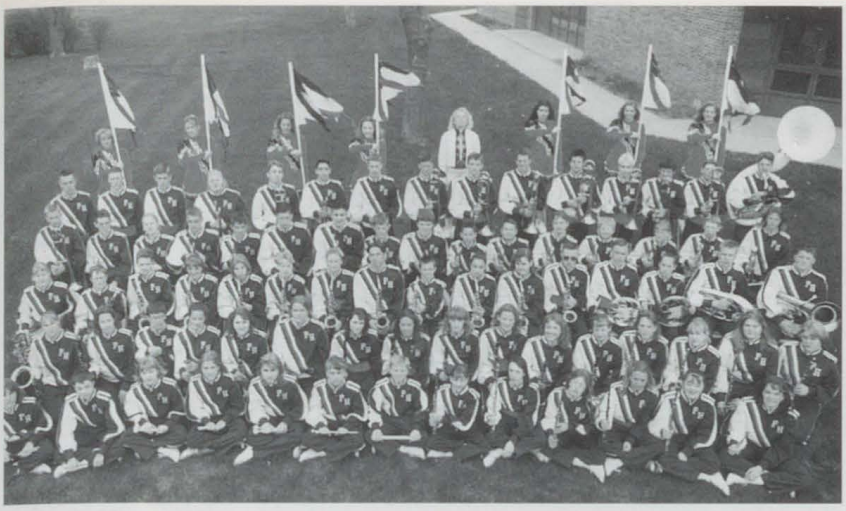
Missy Ellison
Jenny Erickson
Larissa Jones
Abby Pleis
Jessica Stevens
Melissa Stewart
Aaron Wilshusen

District Music Results

Choir - Superior
Girls Duet - Excellent
[Melissa Stewart & Missy Ellison]
Vocal Solo - Superior
[Larissa Jones]
Piano Duet - Excellent
[Caryn Hudson & Jessica Stevens]

Sarah Johnson, Christina Pickrel, Melissa Stewart and Mr. Hess practicing the song for graduation which was song by the senior girls.

Larissa Jones is a very talented young lady. She was selected to the All-State Choir and the Class D All-State Band. She also received a Superior on her Vocal Solo at district contest.



The 1996-1997 Polk Hordville Band

BAND

Our fearless leader, Melissa Stewart leading us at Harvest of Harmony.

Mark Collett playing for pep band.

The first ever Polk-Hordville Marching Band Flag Girls. Julie Hanquist, Mindi Fowler, Jenna Sealey, Jessica Stevens, Jill Bankson, Thresea Bengtson, Caryn Hudson. (Not Pictured) Amber Shenk. Below: Amber Shenk, Thresea Bengtson and Jenna Sealey perform their flag routine as the band marches in the Polk Parade.

Amber Shenk and Jenny Erickson practice their music before performing at the district music contest. Jeremy Garrett joined them for a Sax Trio which received an Excellent rating.

Janelle Gress concentrates on keeping in step as she marches.

Six parades were participated in this year by the band. They attended Yorkfest, Harvest of Harmony, both Polk and Hordville's 90th Birthday Celebrations, Veterans Day in Central City and the Homecoming parade.

Ten members were selected to the CRC Honor Band. Larissa Jones, Caryn Hudson, Niki Glasser, Erica Lindburg, Marita Riebschlager, Erin Garrett, Mark Collett, Clay Stevens, Tony Leckron and Travis Blase.

The district contest resulted in a good performances for the group; the Band received a Superior rating from all three judges, the Flute Quartet, [Caryn Hudson, Jessica Stevens, Mindi Fowler & Thresea Bengtson] received a Superior, the Clarinet Trio [Marita Riebschlager, Erica Lindburg, & Timeree Andreasen] received a Superior, the Trumpet Trio [Melissa Stewart, Josh Rystrom, & John Garrett] received a Good, Larissa Jones played a Trumpet Solo and received a Superior, and Sarah Johnson played a Flute Solo and received an Excellent.

National Honor Society

Pledge

I pledge myself to uphold the high purposes of the National Honor Society to which I have been selected; I will be true to the principles for which it stands; I will be loyal to my school and will maintain and encourage high standards of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

National Honor Society members: Back row: Chad Garrett, Clint Hoffman, Ben Garrett, Julie Hanquist, Jenna Sealey, Melissa Stewart, Niki Glasser, Shawn Sandell, Owen Saeger, Middle row: Marita Riebschlager, Jeff L'Heureux, Jenny Erickson, Jeremy Garrett, Mindi Fowler, Nate Hanquist, Amber Shenk, Brad Bankson, Caryn Hudson, Jessica Stevens, Larissa Jones, Missy Ellison, Front row: Lane Lindburg, Shane Parsons, Lee Wolfe, Nick Larson, Gabe Hanquist, Anthony Hudson, and Mark Gustafson.

The National Honor Society holds a tea in May to induct its new members. This year ten new members were selected by the committee to become a part of this organization.

The members of this society must demonstrate the following qualities; Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Polk-Hordville has twenty-eight members in their society, which shows the quality of students we have in our school.

Chad Garrett lighting a candle during the ceremony to induct the new members. Other members taking part in this program are Missy Ellison, Larissa Jones, Shawn Sandell and Ben Garrett.

Mr. Leckron giving instructions to the new members: Owen Saeger, Jeff L'Heureux, Mark Gustafson, Nick Larson, Anthony Hudson, Gabe Hanquist, Shane Parsons, Lane Lindburg, Lee Wolfe, and Marita Riebschlager.

Anthony Hudson receiving his certificate from Mr. Leckron.

FFA members: Back row: Jon Sundberg, Chad Majerus, Adam Carlson, John Garrett, Shawn Sandell, Brent Pickrel. Middle row: Jason Lindburg, Clint Hoffman, Trent Stevens, Amy Hoffman, Timeree Andreason, Rachael Knievel, Eric Blase, Shawn Hanquist, Jacob Ericksen. Front row: Dan Warnick, Brad Carlson, Jeff L'Heureux, Chad Hoffman, Chris Burks, Travis Swanson. Not pictured: David Bridges, Advisor.

Officers: Chad Hoffman-Vice President, Chad Majerus-Sentinel, Jeff L'Heureux-News Reporter, Shawn Sandell-Treasurer, Rachael Knievel-Secretary, (kneeling) AdamCarlson-President.

Dan & Matt Collett harvested the test plot in October for the group. There were five different kinds of seed planted and the yield was 296 bushels per acre.

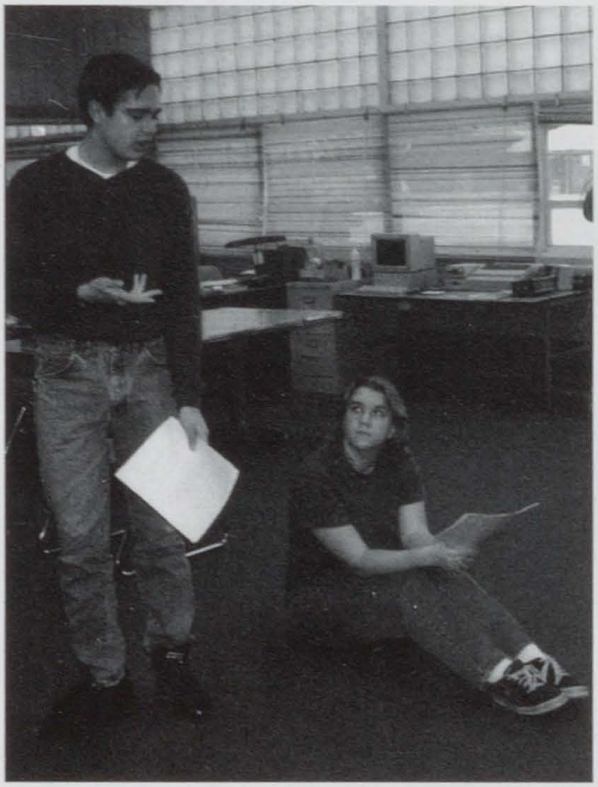
The FFA class was presented with a cash award from Dow-Elanco for the safety in the shop. Above: Mark Peters, an agronomist with United Coop is presenting the check to Chad Hoffman, Rachael Knievel, Chad Majerus, and Jeff L'Heureux. Below: Randy Harless is presenting a check to Adam Carlson and Shawn Sandell.

AG/FFA

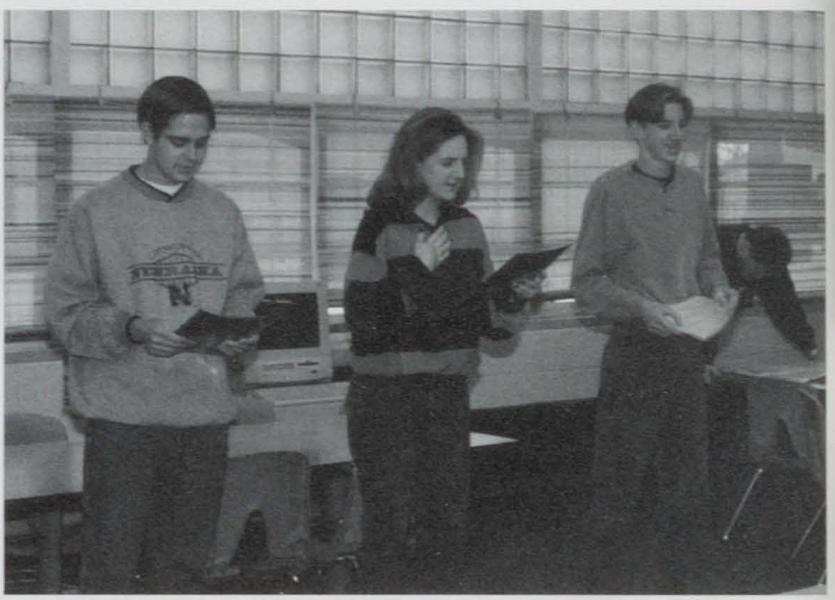
Vocational Agriculture classes/FFA did many activities during the year. The test plot was the first priority. Getting the corn harvested was done the end of October. They were happy with the yields and held a supper to thank the 'Friends of FFA' for donating the seed. The evening meeting always seen to have a meal involved, so we were never lacking in members attending or something to eat. The annual fruit sales were held in December again this year and John Garrett was the top salesperson. As every year, they attended judging contests and did well. Shawn Hanquist placed 1st at the State contest in the New Horizons competition. In April they celebrated Ag week and held different activities for each day of the week. As the year closed they were still planning a BBQ feed and a canoe trip for the summer.

SPEECH

The 1996-'97 Speech Team, Back row: **Sarah Johnson** (Persuasive), **Marita Riebschlager** (Oral interpretation of Poetry & Duet), **November Person** (Entertainment), **Jessica Stevens** (Oral Interpretaion of Poetry & Oral Interpretation of Serious Prose), **Caryn Hudson** (Entertainment & Oral Interpretation of Drama), **Sara Bankson** (Oral Interpretation of Serious Prose). Front row: **Shawn Sandell** (Oral Interpretation of Drama & Duet Acting), **Erica Lindburg** (Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose), **Amy Hoffman** (Persuasive), **Jenny Holtorf** (Informative) **Owen Saeger** (Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose), **Nick Reeves** (Oral Interpretation of Drama).



Shawn Sandell and Marita Riebschlager practicing for their Duet .



Shawn Sandell, Caryn Hudson, and Nick Reeves practicing for their O.I.D.

Twelve people decided to go out for speech this year. They work hard, but only had two competitions to compete in for the year. The conference speech contest was held at Fairmont in February and the district contest was held at Hampton in March.

The team as a whole made a good appearance. The three seniors will be missed, but the experience returning should add to a strong team next year.

Miss Whipley and Miss Nolan try to persuade Mrs. Trostle to sell Battle Meadow.

"My Hands is Full O' Gifts."

The timid school teacher, Frank Pye, is once again upbraided by Sarah Blazer.

1996 One-Act Play members: (Front) Owen Saeger, Jessica Stevens, Missy Ellison, Caryn Hudson, Sara Bankson. (Back) Marita Riebschlager, Shawn Sandell, Jeremy Garrett, Sarah Johnson, Larissa Jones.

One-Act Play

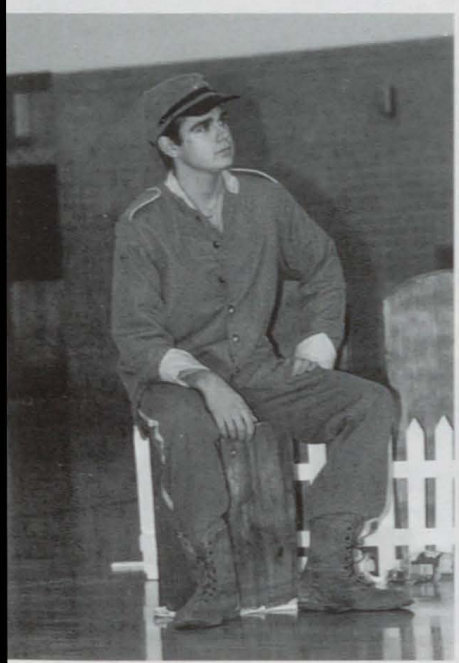
This year's group of exceptional actors/actresses received fourth place at the Crossroads Conference contest held in Rising City with two superior ratings.

Shawn Sandell was awarded an outstanding acting award at the CRC Conference contest.

At the District contest held in Stromsburg, they placed sixth with an excellent and superior rating.

Casting

Mrs. Trostle	Missy Ellison
Miss Whipley	Caryn Hudson
Miss Nolan	Jessica Stevens
Johnny Nobody	Shawn Sandell
Mrs. Englehardt	Sarah Jonson
Sarah Blazer	Marita Riebschlager
Frank Pye	Jeremy Garrett
Crew:	Larissa Jones
	Owen Saeger
	Sara Bankson
Directors:	Carol Lind
	Mike Lind



Left: Johnny Nobody, the rebel ghost, reflects on the life he once had.

Right: Mrs. Englehardt gives Mrs. Trostle a piece of her mind pertaining to the sale of Battle Meadow.

CHEERLEADERS

1996-1997 Cheerleader Squad:
Sara Bankson, Abby Pleis, Maggie Schutz and Missy Ellison

Missy and Sara carrying the flag for the Band during one of 5 parades that was attended.

Abby and Sara during the school song before a volleyball game.

Missy was a four year letterwinner for cheerleading. She was head cheerleader this year.

The group competing at summer camp at Fort Hays State.

The group cheering at a basketball game.

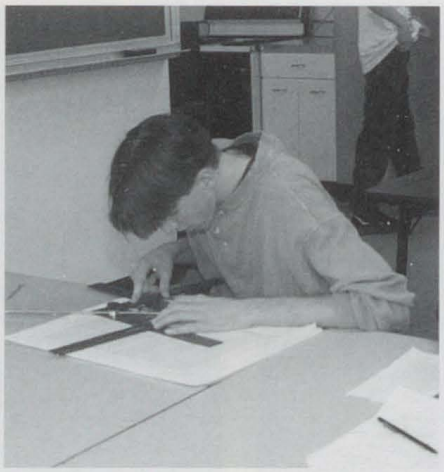
Small but Mighty! A good description of the cheerleader squad this year. Only four young ladies wished to tryout for cheerleader, so they were elected. Since three of these were new to the experience, they attended a week long camp at Fort Hays State in Kansas in July.

They proved to be mighty; they cheered at every varsity sport, both girls and boys, whether it be football, volleyball or basketball games, they were there. This took a lot of commitment on their part, they had early morning practices as well as late night practices. They made locker tags held pep rallies during the sports seasons. Homecoming and All-Activities Banquet is the responsibility of the Cheerleaders and Wildcat Club. The planning and decorating usually falls on the cheerleaders.

Small in numbers. Some games found only two girls cheering because of illness or other events they had to attend instead. But the cheerleaders definitely did their job leading the Polk-Hordville fans in chants to cheer on the teams.

ANNUAL

Jason Lindburg and Keith Gress take a break from their work.

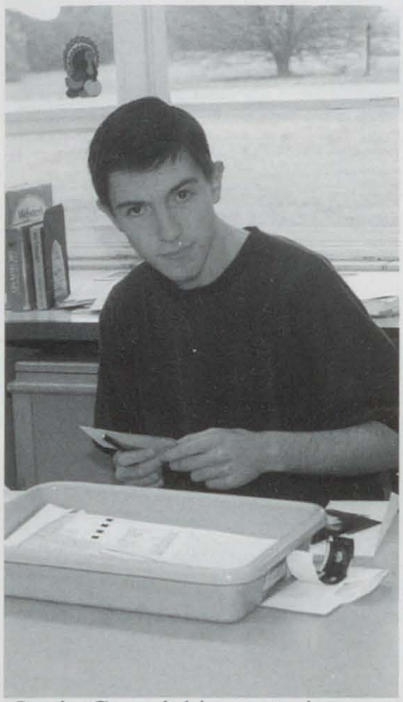


Nick Reeves cropping a picture for one of his pages.

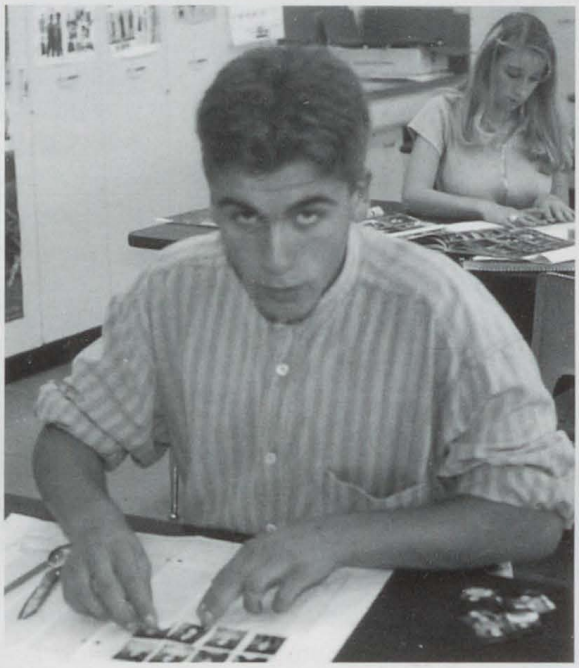
All new students made up the Annual/Newspaper staff this year. The seven students caught on fast and got to work on the layouts that needed done.

Selling ad's for the annual is always exciting. They get a couple of days out of school to visit the business' in the area and raise money for the book. If you ask them, it might not be so exciting, but it's a job that must be done to keep the cost down.

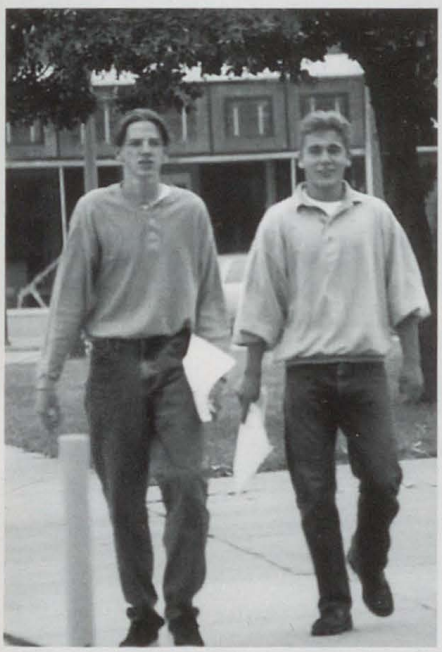
The class worked together well and completed this book, as you see, and published nine issues of the "WILDCAT" newsletter this year.



Justin Cox picking out pictures for his layout.



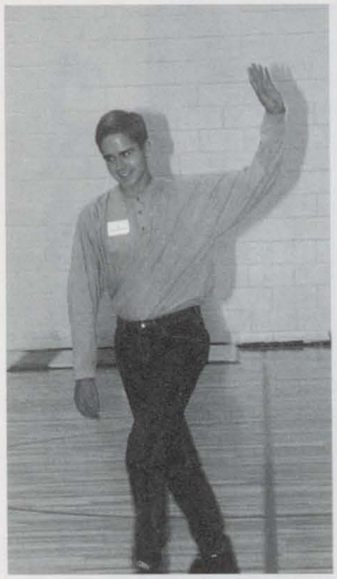
Sondre Asdoel, our foreign exchange student, works on his layout for the freshman page.



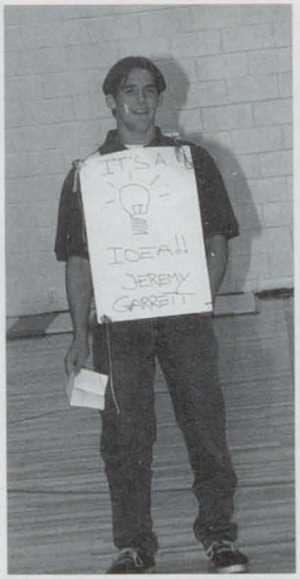
Nick and Sondre look like they were successful after selling ad's to business' in York.

Mrs. Gilson explains to the class about the camera as Sondre looks closer at some pictures.

"Melissa Stewart and Dusty Hill selling ad's in York. "Were you two shopping or selling ad's?"



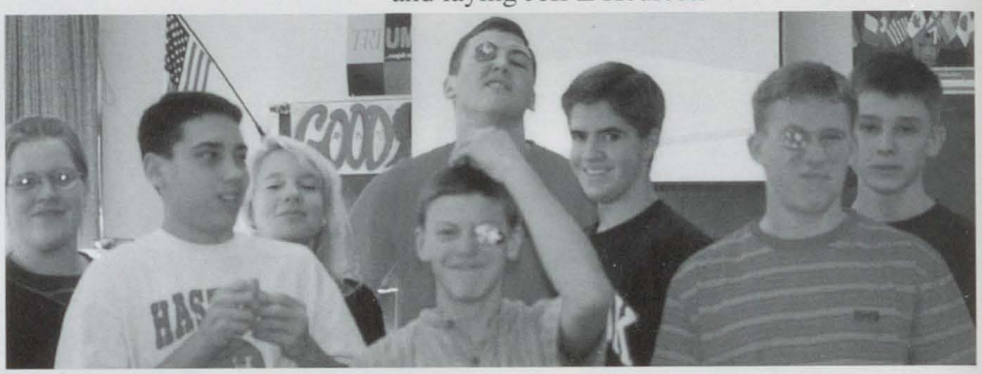
Shawn Sandell giving his campaign speech. He finished second and was named Vice-President.



Mr.President Jeremy Garrett won the close race for the presidental title this year.

The student council for 1996-97. Christina Pickrel, Lee Wolfe, Ben Garrett, Ryan Sandell, Melissa Stewart, Brad Bankson, Trent Stevens, Jeremy Garrett, Shawn Sandell, Caryn Hudson, and laying Jeff L'Heureux

Student Council



The student council members playing with fake eyes instead of working as they should.

Eleven members made up the Student Council this year. To be a member of the student council you need to be elected from your class. Each class selects a student council representative and the President of each class becomes a member. The other students that wish to become a member need to petition for membership. This process involves filling out an application that asks for your reasons for wanting to be on the council. Then you must attend four consecutive meetings and be voted in by the other council members. We had 3 seniors petition for membership this year.

Jeremy Garrett was voted in by the student body to be the student body president. Vice President was Shawn Sandell, Secretary was Caryn Hudson, Treasurer was Ben Garrett and other members were; Lee Wolfe, Jeff L'Heureux, Trent Stevens, Ryan Sandell, Brad Bankson, Melissa Stewart and Christina Pickrel.

The student council does many things around the school during the year. They organize the Christmas party, sponsor a Valentine dance, run the Junior High Basketball tournament, and empty the pop cans from the study hall containers. They also sponsored the food drive for the local food pantry during the volleyball and football soap scrimmages and filled sacks for the elementary music program. They ended the year by sponsoring the dance for the All-Activities Banquet.

Each year they try to do a community project for both towns, Polk and Hordville. They ask the towns for suggestions and then wait to see if its a project that they are able to do.

They belong to District 5 and attend two district conferences and one state convention throughout the year. For a state project they helped with the Make-A-Wish program by donating $200 from the sale of aluminum pop cans.

Top left: Nate Hanquist voting in the close race for student council president.

Top right: Lee Wolfe and Ben Garrett filling sacks for the elementary Christmas program.

Below left: Jeremy Garrett (middle) giving his speech, and his campaign managers, Nick Larson & Sondre Asdoel giving support.

Below right: Christina Pickrel, Shawn Sandell, Melissa Stewart and Trent Stevens work at filling sacks with goodies.

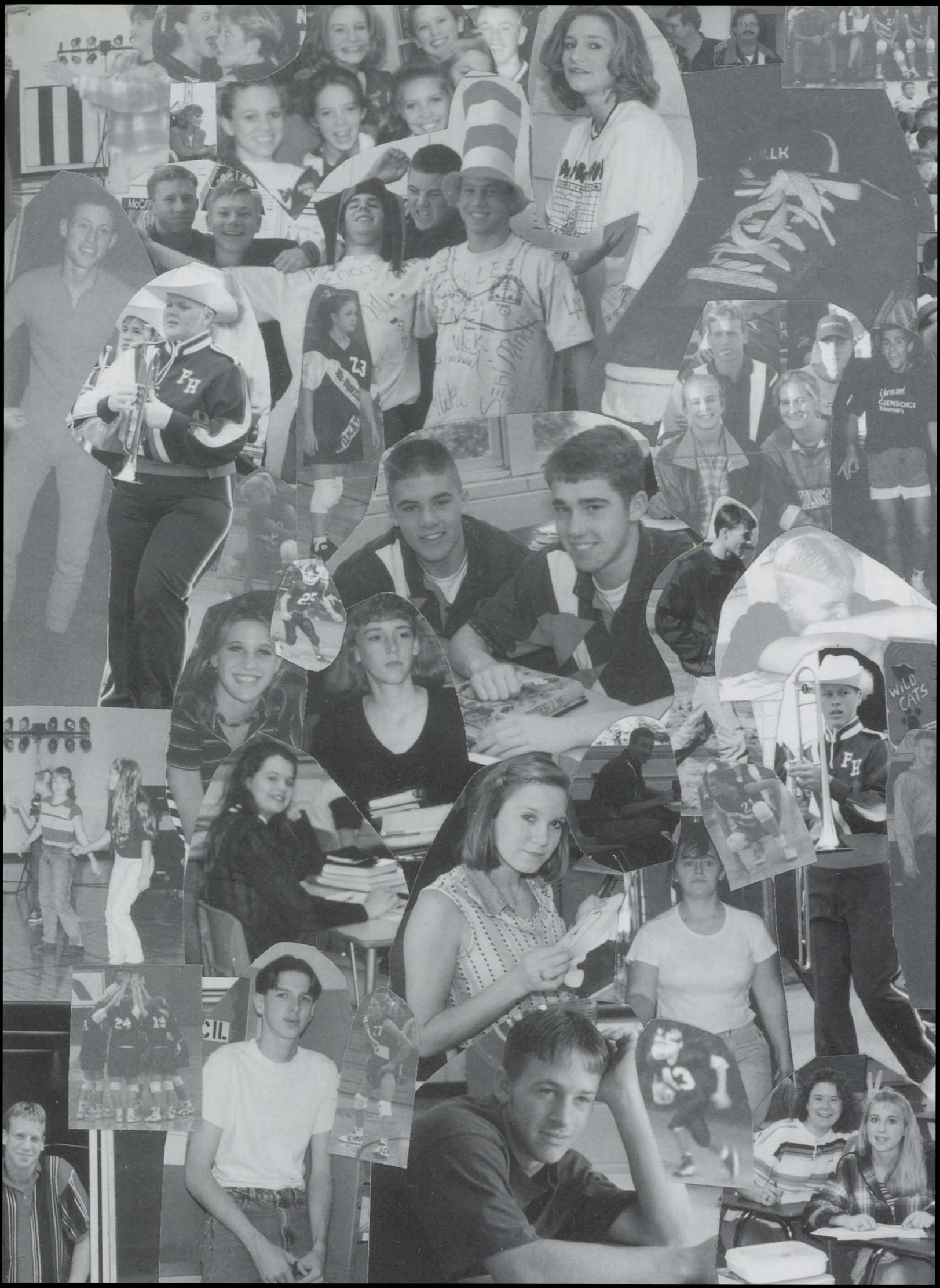
Left: Jeff L'Herureux making sure the snack table for the Christmas party is ready.

Right: The Sega room was a popular one to visit, but was hard getting a turn to play.

Below left: Shawn Sandell, Vice President, running the meeting in the absent of the President.

Below right: Playing cards draw the biggest crowd for the Christmas party.

People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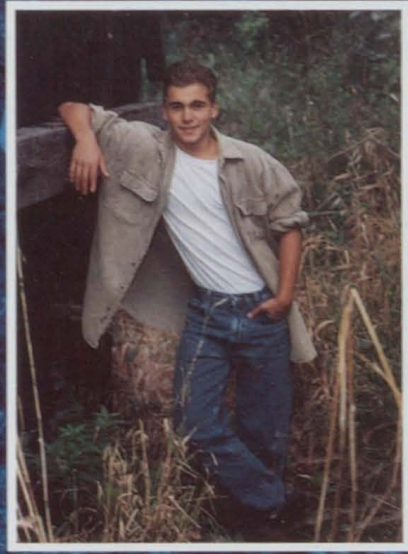

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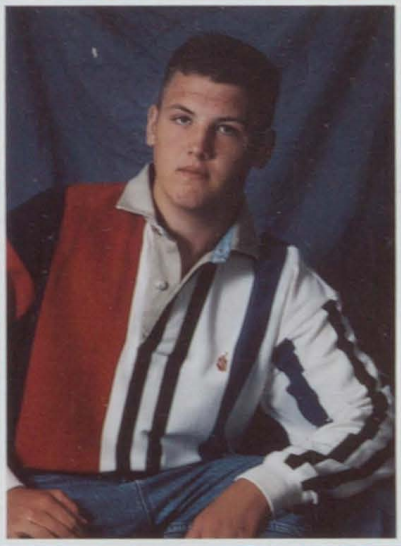

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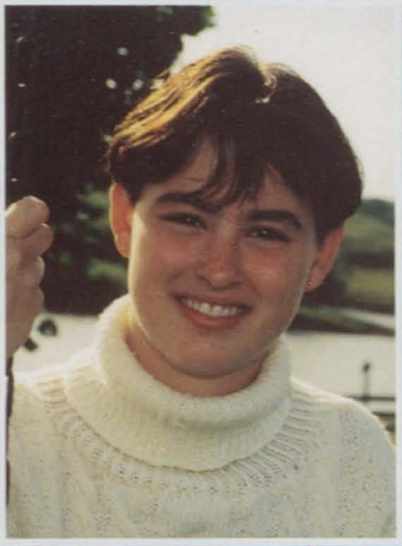

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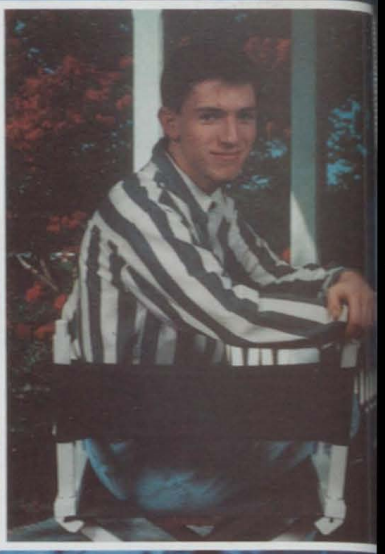
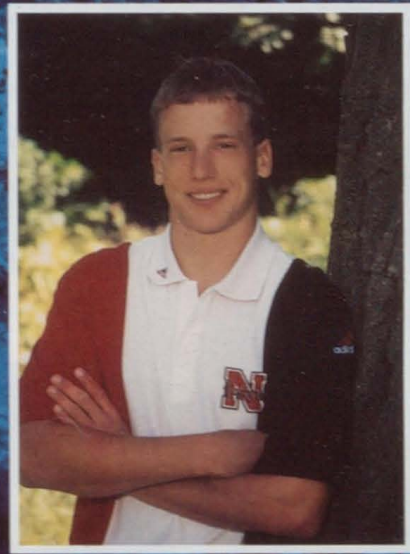


Justin Wade Cox



Clinton Lee Hoffman

Sarah Olivia Johnson

Larissa Marie Jones

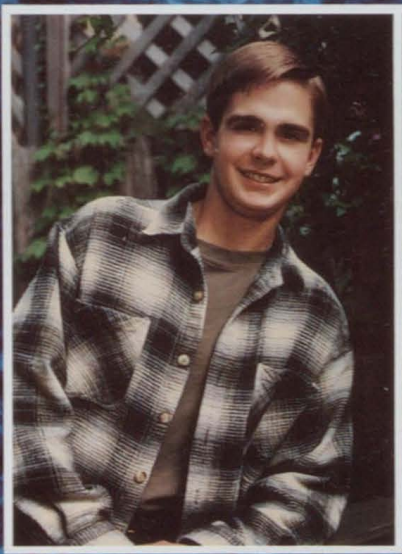
Rachael Lynn Knievel

Class Colors : Black and Burgundy.

Class Flower : White Rose.

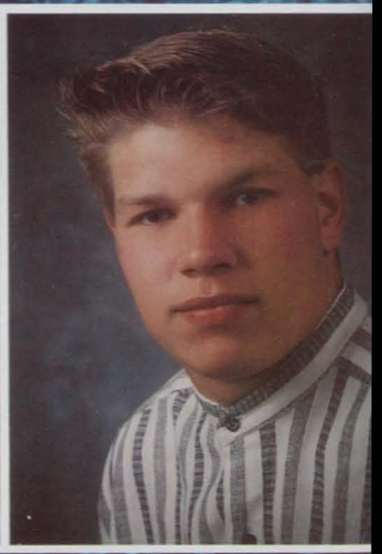
Class Motto : No day is over until it leaves a memory.

Class Songs : Remember Me This Way and Here I Go Again.



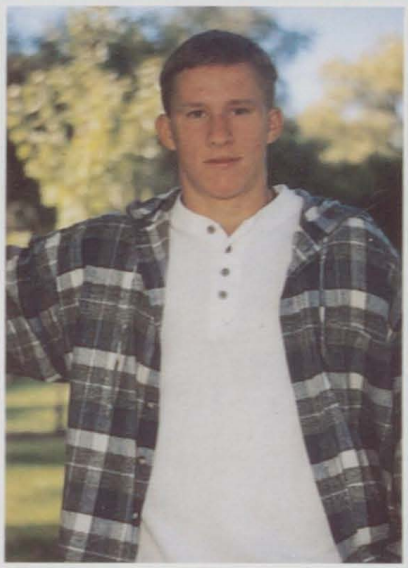
Shawn Lee Sandell

Melissa Ann Stewart

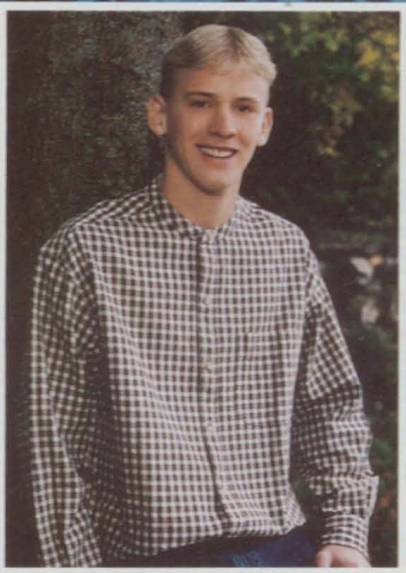


Michael Lee Warnick

Melissa LeAnndra Ellison



Benjamin Michael Garrett



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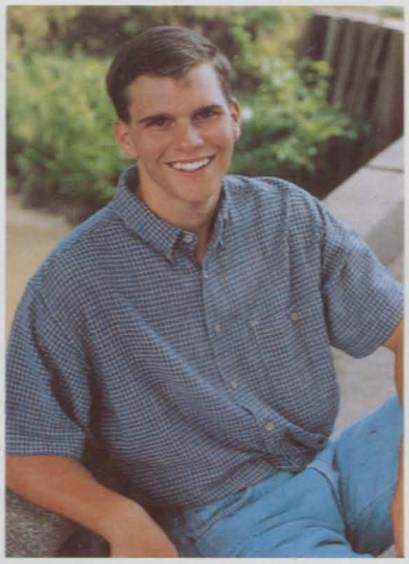
Dusty Marie Hill

Jason Robert Lindburg



Aaron Thomas Mundt

Christina Ann Pickrel

Nicklaus Joe Reeves

Doors
All the doors are open.
Which way do I go?
All the doors are open.
Where do they lead?
Which do I choose,
does anybody know?
What if I end up in a place of greed?
What if I end up in a place
of monotory?
What if it is not for me?

(Partial exert from "Doors")
Poem written
by
Nick Reeves

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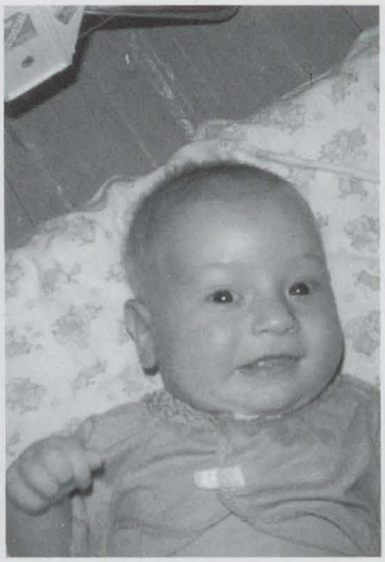

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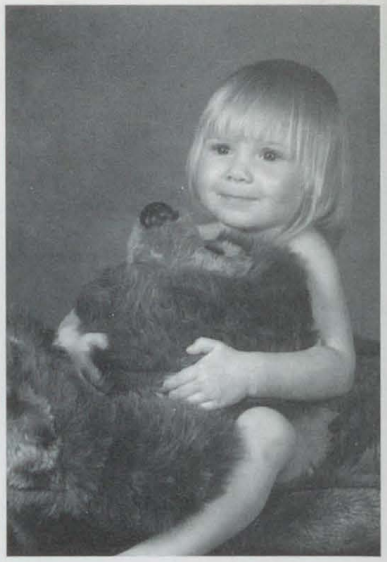

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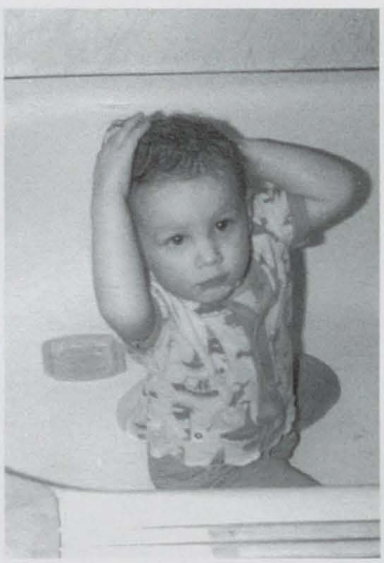

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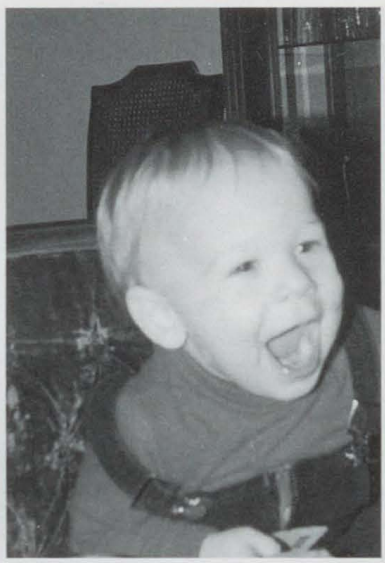

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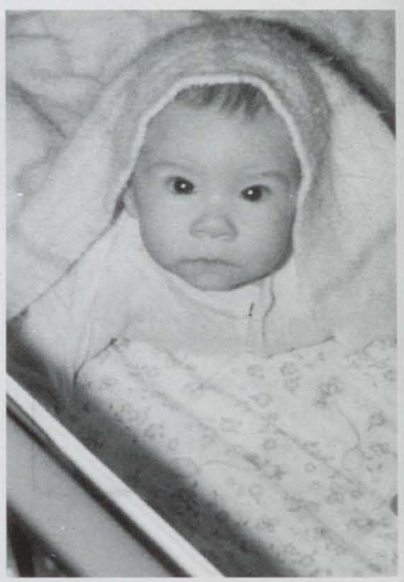

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Can You Guess Who That Is?

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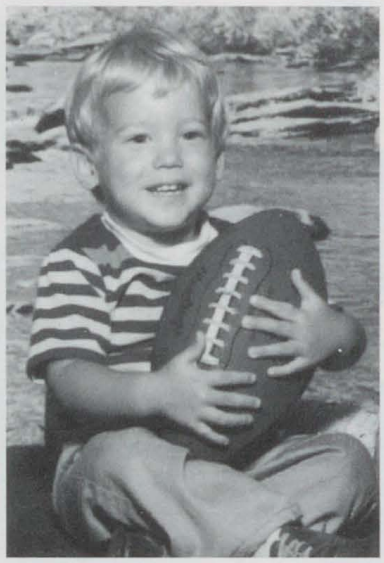

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Sondre Asdoel
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Daniella Budach
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Missy Ellison
Ben Garrett
Keith Gress
Dusty Hill
Clint Hoffman
Sarah Johnson
Larissa Jones
Rachael Knievel
Jason Lindburg
Aaron Mundt
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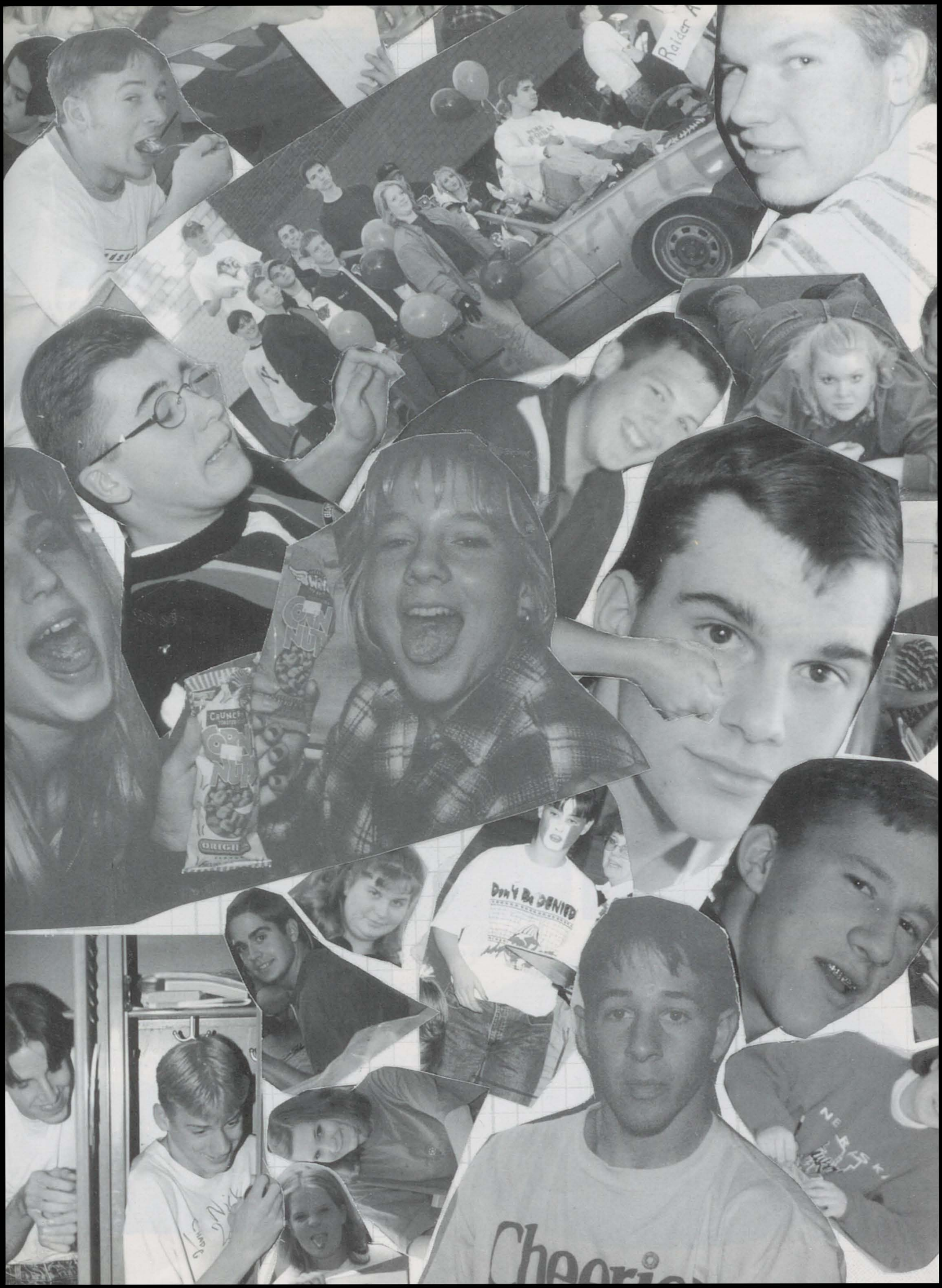
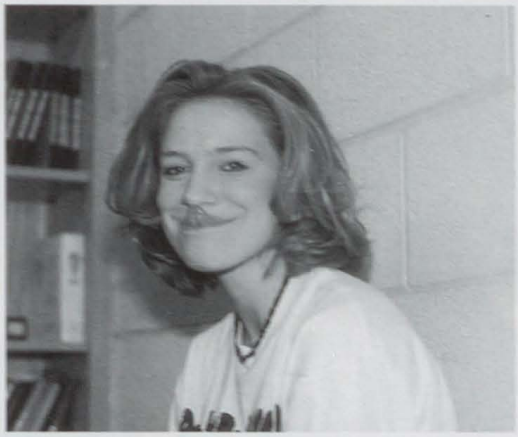
See if you can recognize our seniors when they were just little tots. Take your guess and then look on the back inside cover for the answers. Good Luck!


Don't Be DENIED

Caryn, Amber, Julie and Niki posing for the camera.

"It must be a tad bit windy outside, huh Nick?"

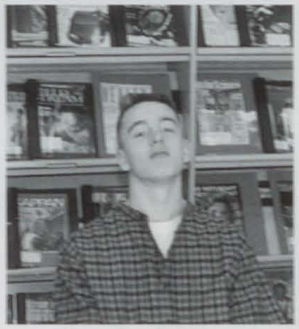
Chad being safe in shop class.



"And we all wonder what Thresea spends her free time doing."

Class of 1998, "What a group!"

Jon showing off his donut eating talent.



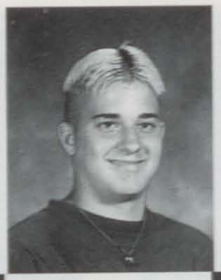
Nate looking as innocent as ever.

Above: Jessica and Jeremy keeping a straight face in this scer
Below: Jill, Theresa and Jenny trying to avoid the camera.

JUNIORS

Mindi Fowler

Jon Knievel



Nick Larson

Travis Swanson

Jeremy Garrett

Chad Garrett

Jacob Erickson

Jenna Sealey

Amber Shenk

Caryn Hudson

Theresa Bengtson

Niki Glasser

Nate Hanquist

Jill Bankson

Julie Hanquist

Adam Carlson

Dawn Koehler

Jessica Stevens

Jill Rust

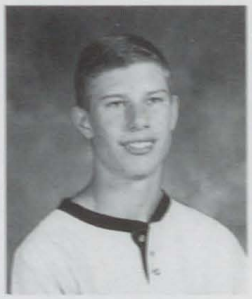
Jenny Erickson

Aaron Wilshusen

The Juniors always have an exciting year because they have to plan the Prom. They must sell magazines during the year to make enough money to make plans for the big event in April. If the members of the class didn't get out and sell a lot of magazines, then they must come up with ideas on how to put the Prom on with some creative ideas that cost less.

They elected Caryn Hudson as President to lead their class this year. Vice President was Amber Shenk, Secretary/Treasurer was Niki Glasser and Jeremy Garrett was Student Council Representative. They started the year with 21 class members, but lost Dawn Koehler in December when she moved to Indiana.

Sara Bankson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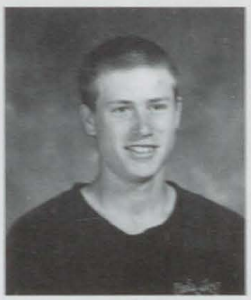
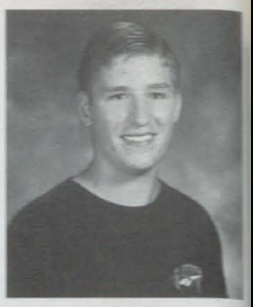
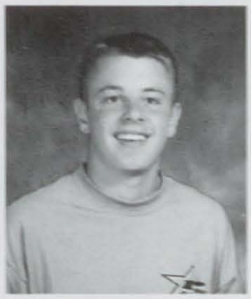

Brad Carlson

Julia Garey


Mark Gustafson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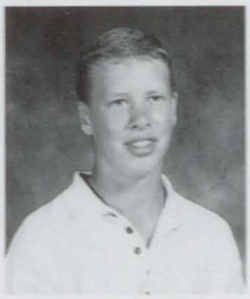
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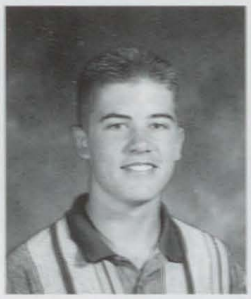
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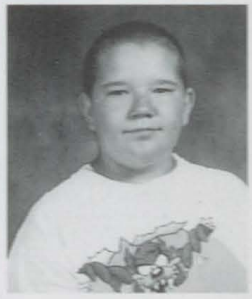
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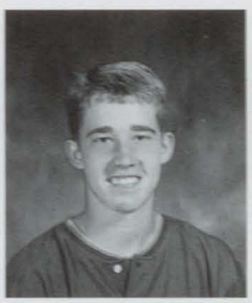
Jeff L'Heureux


Lane Lindburg

Chad Majerus

Shane Parsons

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Brent Pickrel

Marita Riebschlager

Owen Saeger

Jared Schulze

Lee Wolfe

Sophomores

Gabe, Shane, Anthony, Lane, and Lee looking like they know what they're doing.

Eric wanting to be a super model but not working very hard at it.

Julia concentrating on hitting the ball

Shane and Anthony worrying about posing instead of the game.

Brent acting like a hot shot.

The Sophomore class has one money maker during the year. They sell Pizza Hut pizza at a football game. This money raiser gets them in the mood for accumulating money for the prom that they must fund when they are juniors.

They elected officers at the first of the year, deciding to have Lee Wolfe lead them as President. Vice President was Gabe Hanquist, Secretary/ Treasurer was Marita Riebschlager and the Student Council Representative was Jeff L'Heureux. The Sophomore class sponsor was Vicki Recknor.

Class of 1999

Timeree Andreasen

Josh Beardsley

Andrew Carlson

Katie Erickson

Chelsea Fowler

John Garrett

Janelle Gress

Shawn Hanquist

Amy Hoffman

Jennifer Holtorf

Jasmine Kernes

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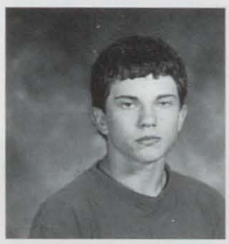
Abbie Mundt

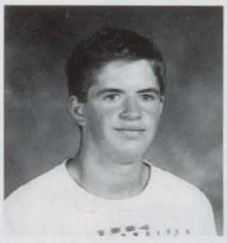
Cortney Ortegren



Christopher Burks

Abby Pleis

Joshua Rystrom

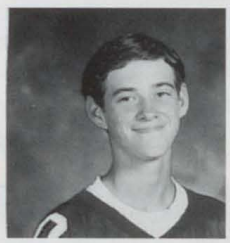


Ryan Sandell

Margaret Schutz

Trent Stevens

Jon Sundberg

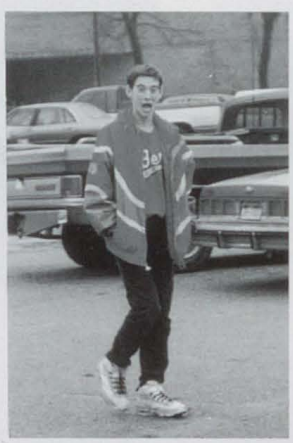


Jeffrey Tonniges

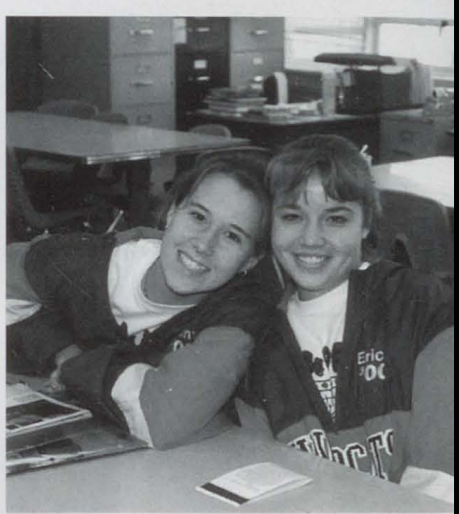
Daniel Warnick

Class of 2000

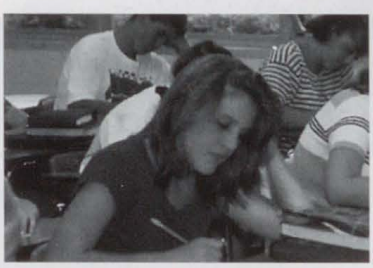
Mikeal Larson ''Karate Kid'



Jeff objecting to having his picture taken.



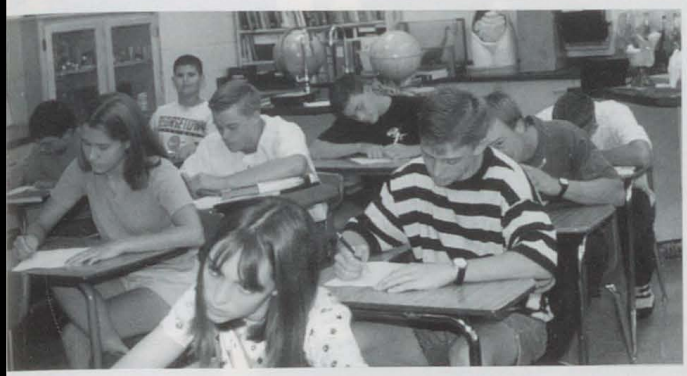
Amy "Beave" Hoffman & Erica "Smiley" Lindburg in the library.



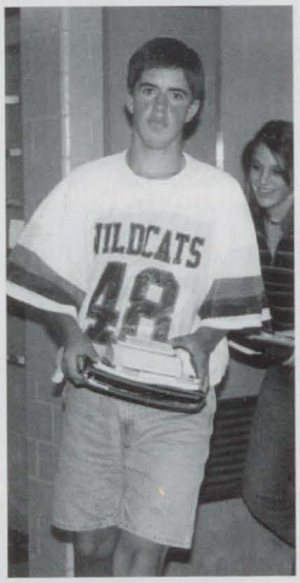
Tiffany is in the mood for studying.

Freshmen

Above: Freshmen hard at work!?
Left:Timeree trying to pass as a guy.



Above: The busy freshmen class in the science room.
Below: Abbie, John, Chris and Jasmine in a hurry for lunch.



Right: "Jon what are you eating?
Left: Ryan looks shocked coming from English class,."What did Mrs.Lind do to him?"

The Freshman class entered Polk-Hordville High School with 25 members to start the 1996-97 school year. They welcomed new students, Josh Beardsley and Jennifer Holtorf from Immanuel and also Jasmine Kernes to the class, and then lost Josh Beardsley when his family moved to Wisconsin and Katie Erickson went to Stromsburg.

Getting organized as a class was the number one item for starting the year. They elected the following class officers; President-Trent Stevens, Vice President-Janelle Gress, Secretary-John Garrett, Treasurer-Amy Hoffman and Student Council Representative-Ryan Sandell. Pat Vest is the sponsor.

This is an exciting year for the freshmen. They get to participate in high school sports, can partake in the other activities available throughout the year and just get into the adventure of being part of the high school. Of course, they also have to get through the, always happening, initiating of the freshmen by the upper classman. But, once the first couple of months get past, they quickly become just one of the students at Polk-Hordville High School.

"But I don't want to go back inside for class yet."

"Yes Dan, it's time for another speech topic."

6th

Rob Anderson

Neil Andreasen

Laura Blase

Taylor Comer

Betsie Erickson

Andrew Garey

Brady Hanquist

Nathan Kortum

Elizabeth Lindgren

Tyson Meyer

Dallas Nielsen

Brandon Norquest

Daniel Person

Stacy Person

Lindsay Redman

Mark Rust

Megan Stewart

Eric Swanson

Jennifer Swanson

Joshua Thomsen

Ryan Tonniges

Samantha Wize

7th

Travis Blase

Daniel Brockevelt

Byron Carlson

Curtis Carlson

Chelsea Crouch

Brett Erickson

Kiley Friesen

Catherine Garey

Jason Garrett

Aaron Gray

Clinton Gustafson

Sarah Hanquist

Stacy Hoffman

Jacque' L'Heureux

Anthony Leckron

Ryan McKillip

Preston Parsons

Lindsay Person

Jennifer Rystrom

Valerie Schulze

Ryan Spence

Chad Tonniges

Matthew Veburg

Brad Warnick

Sarah Wolfe

8th

Tracie Bankson

Melissa Blase

Dustin Bodfield

Mark Collett

Levi Ericksen

Erin Garrett

Lisa Garrett

Leah Glasier

Tyson Glasser

Jessie Grant

Brandon Hanquist

Christa Hudson

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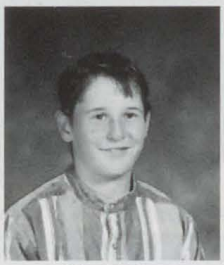
Mike Stokes

Tasha Thomsen

Jennifer Werner

Middle School

Two noticeable changes at the Middle School this year was a new principal and a new fire alarm system. Kathy Grossnicklaus took over the reins at Polk-Hordville.

The new sound and blinking lights from the fire alarms made for some exciting fire drills. Most were just practice, but one was for real when a science experiement failed. Mr. Bridges got the wastebasket outside, so no one was harmed.

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Debra Vitera
Teacher

Terry Bankson

Aaron Blase

Brett Church

Josh Fitzgerald

Ashley Fleming

Joseph Fowler

Amber Karren

David Keeney

Broderick Merchant

Luke Samuelson

Brittany Spence

Ethan Spence

Tiffanie Squire

Anna Swanson

1st

Joan Bankson
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Matthew Anderson

Rachel Auen

Ashley Bankson

Erin Blase

Karlie Blase

Denise Carlstrom

Grant Friesen

Nicholas Gustafson

Sarah Hammond

Amanda Hanquist

Nate Hoffman

Hiliary Kortum

Matthew Lampshire

Molly Leckron

Anthony Squire

Sean Steinke

Lacey Stromberg

Brittany Swanson

Allison Vegurg

Talus Vest

2nd

Ellie Sizer
Teacher

Justin Blase

Danielle Dose

Logan Glasser

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Kyle Hohnholt

Janet James

Melinda Lampshire

Hana Lindburg

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Brice Necker

Dillon Nielsen

Trent Norquest

Isaac Samuelson

Todd Schulze

Cassidy Spence

Kendra Stevens

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4th

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Keith James

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Jeremy Jensen

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Tabitha Rogers

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5th

Sandy Anderson
Teacher

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Mathematics

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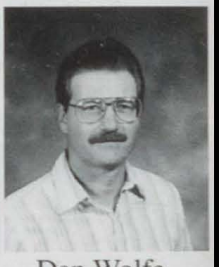


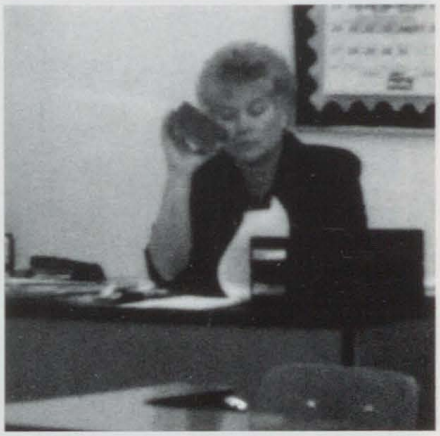
Dan Wolfe
Science

Administration, Faculty & Staff

Cooks: Darlene Fowler, Sherry Quick, Alvertus Jones, Sharon Johnson, Margie Johnson, Karrie Gress.
Not pictured: Shirley Lampshire and Joyce Blase

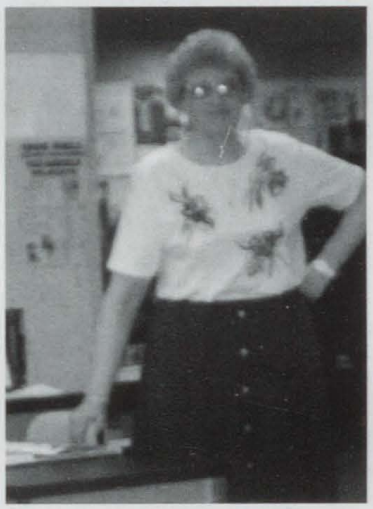
Mrs. Davis and Lee Wolfe debating whether the bottle of water is half empty or half full.

Mr. Brown showing off his true talent.

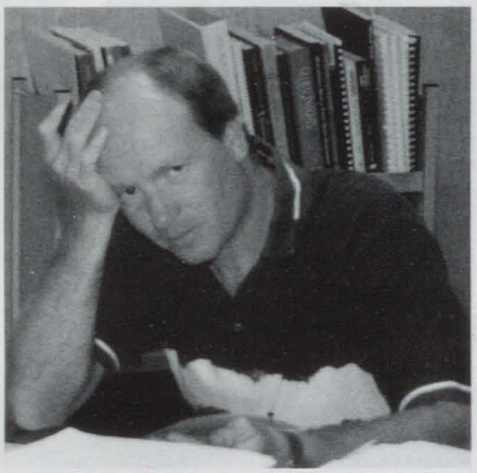


"Mrs. Lind, are you dozing off in class?"

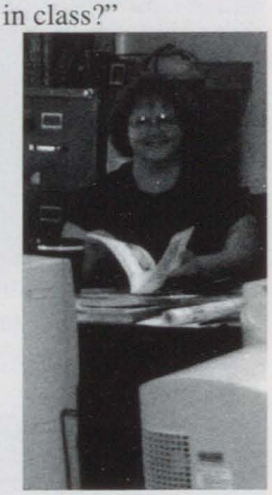
Mr. Bridges finally cleaning out his filing cabinet.



Mrs. Downs ready and waiting for another day of math.



Mr. Meyer trying to concentrate while getting his picture taken.



Ms. Vest excited about her next computer class.

Board Members: Back row: Rich Person, Mick Hoffman, Richard Sealey. Front row: Carol Stewart, Alan Pickrel, Dan Collett.
Not pictured: Marsha Redman.

Iola Fowler retired from being the middle school library aide. A tea was held after school in the middle school library to honor her years of service to the school district. We wish Iola the best of luck in her retirement.

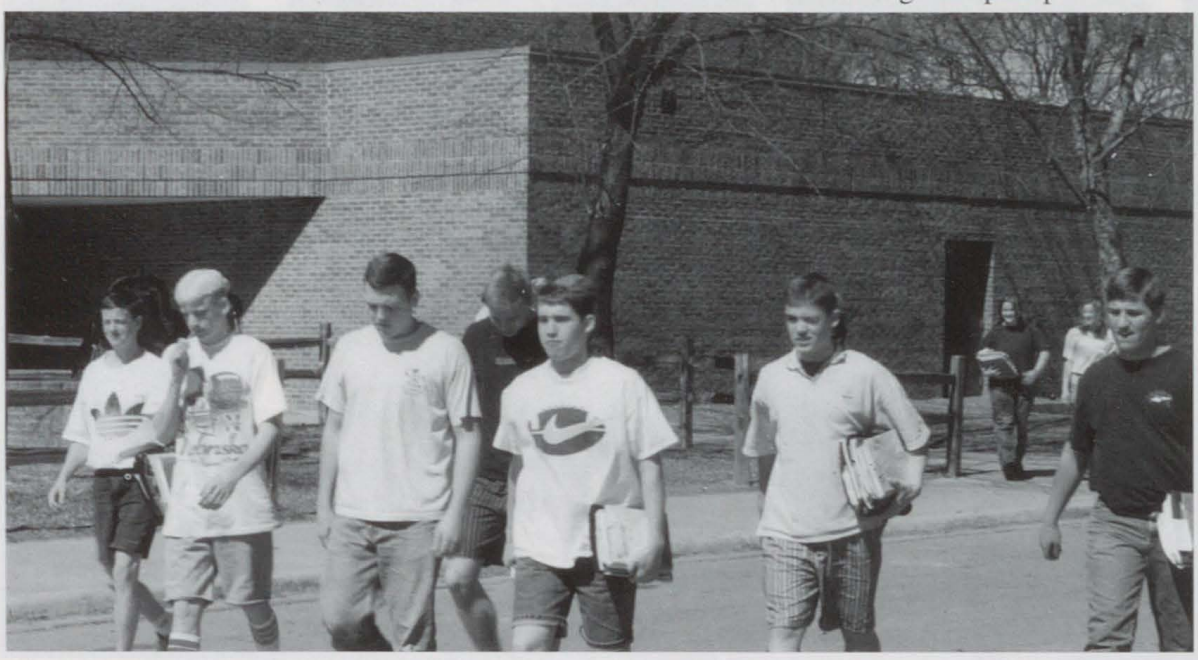
Mr. Wolfe grading papers again.

As part of National Youth Service Day the seniors and juniors took part in a literacy project, reading stories to two elementary classrooms. Seniors read to the kindergarten class and the juniors read to the first grade class. Above left: Ashley Fleming listening to Sarah Johnson; Ben Garrett reading to Anna Swanson; and Jason Lindburg reading his story to Amber Karren. Above right: David Keeney and Rachael Knievel reacting to another story in the room; Aaron Blase listening to Larissa Jones read her story; and Justin Cox reading to Broderick Merchant.

Owen Saeger, Anthony Hudson, Eric Blase and Sara Bankson all take advantage of time in class to read the next days assignment.

Missy Ellison finds herself in this classroom by herself. Teachers try to provide the students with the classes they want, even if it means having two classes at one time or having a student in their room during their plan period.

Ben Garrett takes a break from his class. Ben is only one of a several students who took a correspondence class through a college for credit.

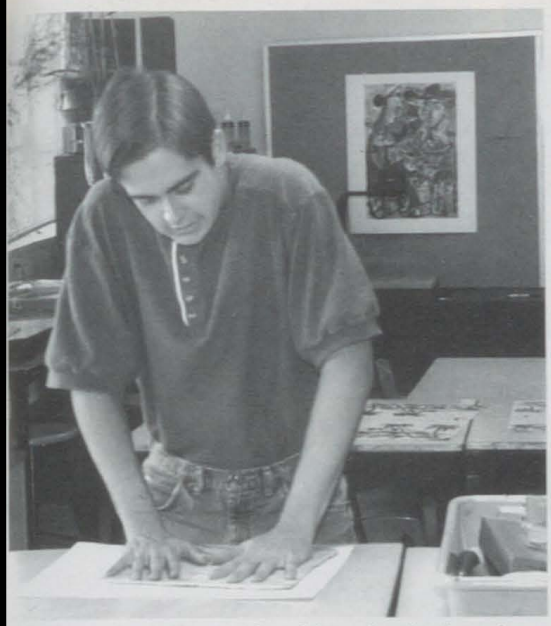


One thing the students complain about is the transferring between building for classes. On some days it's pleasant to walk across the street and get some fresh air, but then comes the days of rain, wind and cold weather which they would just as soon do without.

Thresea Bengtson says "don't bother me when I'm working on this accounting project. It takes a lot of concentration to get these to come out right."

In the Classroom

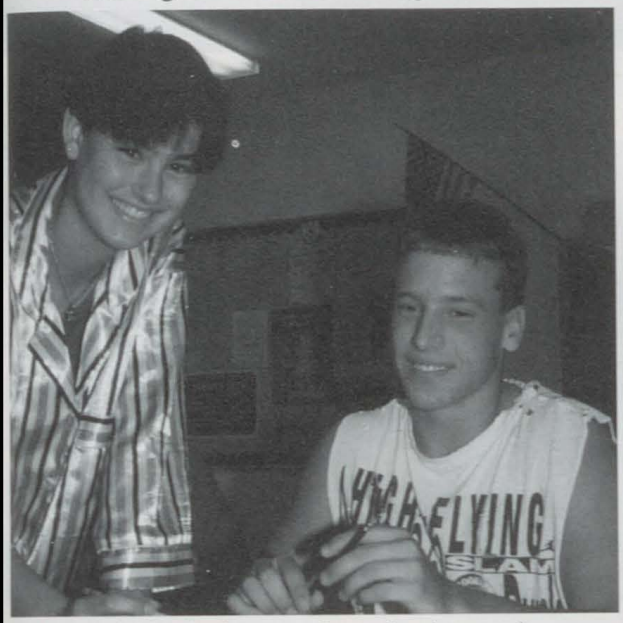
In the Classroom



Shawn Sandell pressing his print in Art class making sure it comes out right.

Aaron Mundt looks thru art books for ideas for his next project.

Cortney Ortegren (above) and Erica Lindburg (right) in the library ready to do research for a speech in English class.



Daniella Budach, one of our foreign exchange students, getting help from Clint Hoffman with her Advanced Math assignment.

Rachael Knievel organizing her day during study hall and Missy Ellison taking a few minutes to visit with her neighbor.

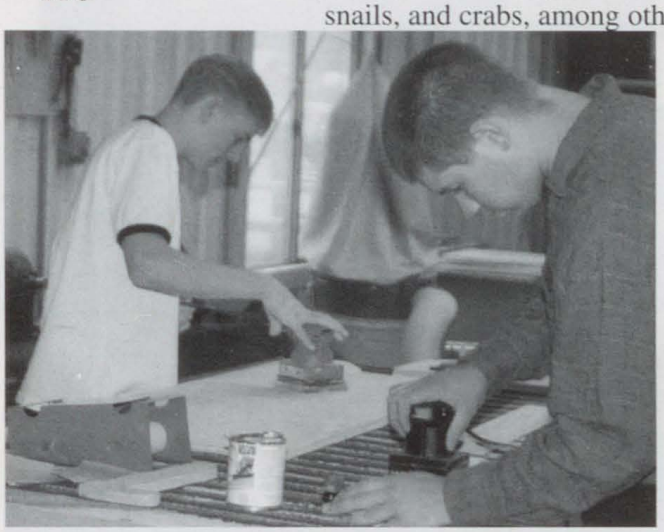
The computer room is always a popular place during the day. The addition of internet has made research FUN! And every class at some point has an assignment that must by typed. Left: Eric Blase, Chad Majerus and Brad Carlson are busy working on the computers. Right: Chad Hoffman and Jeff L'Heureux look dazed from working, maybe too long, on the computers.

In the Classroom

Chemistry class takes a break from studying to see what's going on.

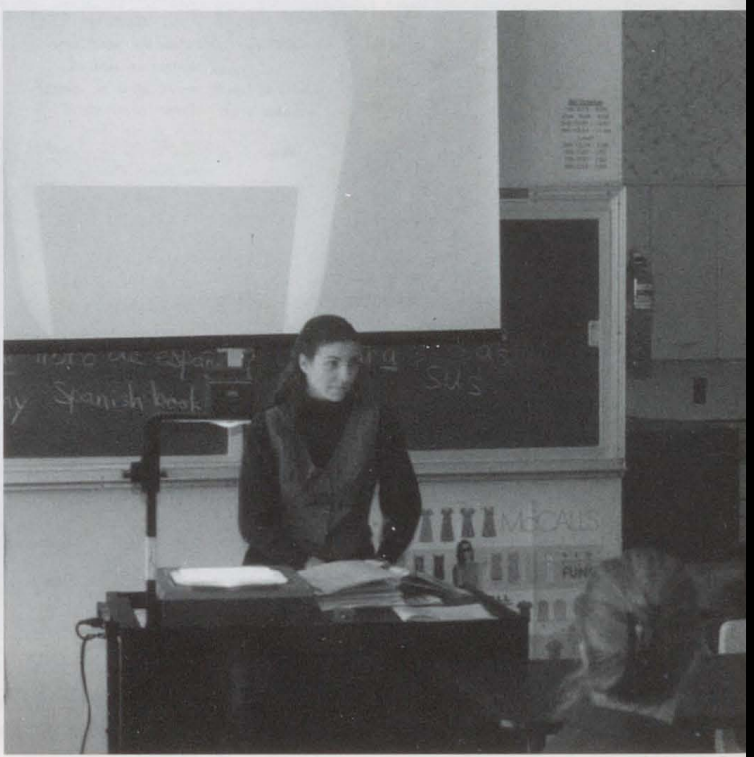
The Science Dept. housed a hedgehog this year. Here Missy Ellison is taking care of Polly giving her some attention. "Isn't she cute?" You could always find some kind of animals in the science room. They also had a chameleon, fish, snails, and crabs, among others.

Physics class trying to work together answering Mr. Wolfe's question.

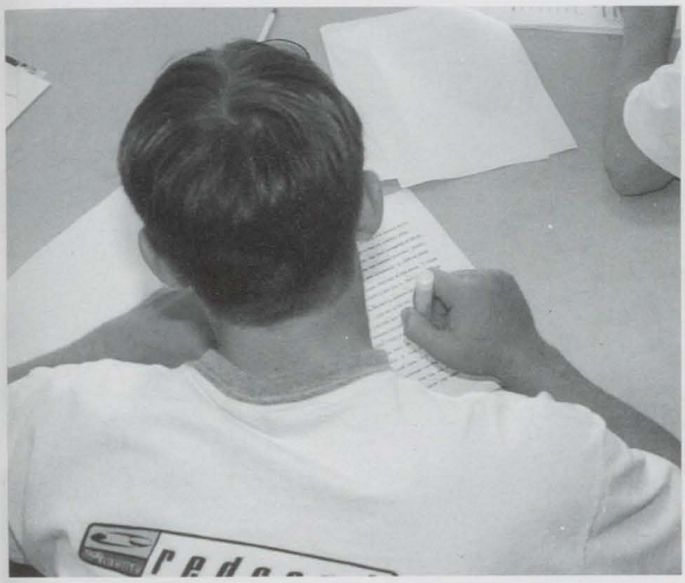


Shop class always keeps busy working on projects. Above: Keith Gress and Mike Warnick work sanding their work. Keith made a desk and Mike made a cedar chest. Above right: Students are working in the classroom. Mr. Brown and Mr. Bridges share the classroom in the shop. The students work on assignments, plans for projects, and drafting is done on the IBM computers. There are many other kinds of classwork done out in the shop, but they are in a world of their own, since their classroom is detached from the high school building.

Right: Spanish instructor, Miss Nabity, has students talking Spanish everyday in class. Here she directs her work from the overhead projector and has the students writing out sentences or words from English to Spanish. The Spanish classes attended a Language Fair in March and came home with a Superior and a Good rating on their posters.

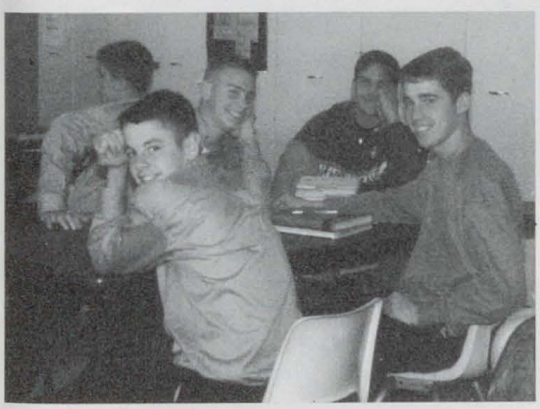


Family and Consumer Science classes experienced many different topics this year. Above left: Melissa Stewart doing some finish work on her tie-dye quilt. A total of three students worked with tie-dying during the year and made quilts with the squares. Another very enlightening experience was the "Baby Think It Over" dolls. The school received eight dolls on loan during Dec/Jan. to get first hand what it is like to be responsible for a child. Above middle and right: Larissa Jones and Christina Pickrel taking care of their babies during the school day. The student had an overnight or a 24-hour stay with the baby doll. In total, six students took part in the project. One boy and five girls found out it was not so much fun having a little bundle to carry around with them everywhere they went. Other experiences that took place in Family and Consumer classes were preparing recipes and eating them, applique, eating, cake decorating, eating, candlemaking, eating and a group of six, including the teacher Mrs. Gilson took crocheting lessons from Florence Kennel and learned that skill. Of course, eating was the most popular activities during the year. The Home Ec room is the easiest room to find when there is an aroma floating around the school hallways.



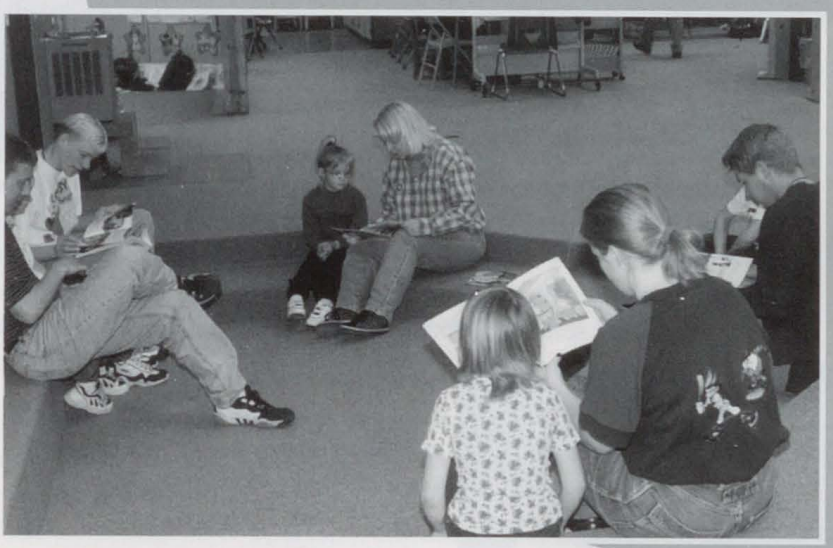
Jason Lindburg highlighting his term paper getting ready to give his speech in English class. Every year the seniors have to complete a term paper for English requirements. They must follow the rules and standards set forth in class and then give a speech to the class telling about their research topic.

The freshmen English class hoping the bell is about to ring. Staying awake can be kind of difficult when you have been reading for the last 30 minutes and it's only the second period of the day. Mrs. Lind keeps her classes busy reading novels, studying vocabulary and writing sentences for the weekly spelling words.



Left: Gabe Hanquist, Shane Parsons, Jared Schulze and Lane Lindburg posing for the camera in Spanish class. "Shouldn't you be working on your Spanish assignment?"
Right: Jeremy Garrett is concentrating on translating this foreign word into the English language, so he knows how to answer Miss Nabity's question.

Ad's



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Listen up
I hear the crowd go.....BOOM!!
Hrmf!!
Ugh!!
Fast aging process ??
Officer Grant
Take this!!
Slapp her!!
Hey....
Women are great
Ahh....
This is fun..duh.
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Parent Dedication Ads

Each year the parents of the senior class are given an opportunity to purchase an ad for their daughter/son. Whether the message is sentimental or funny, poetic or private, it is their chance to show lasting appreciation and congratulations to that special person in their lives. So the tradition goes on and here are the parent ded's for this year.

Larissa,

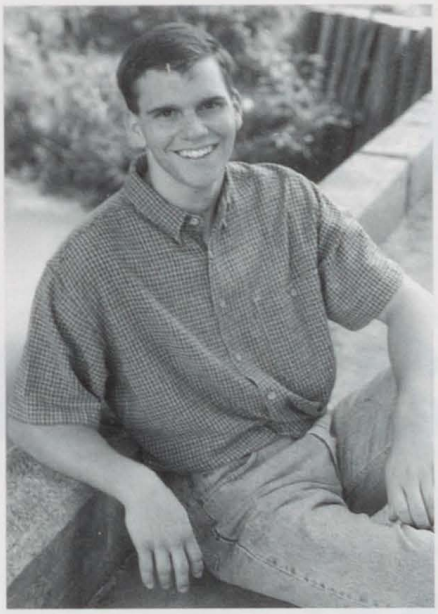
Since you were born,

you have been such a beautiful addition to our family.

Now that you are growing up, we can see that you are a beautiful addition to the world, and we are so proud of you.

We love you,
Mom, Dad
Lance, Lonnie

AARON



Thank you for giving us 18 years of happiness and laughter. We wish you all the best as you continue life's journey.

Mom and Dad
Amy, Abbie, Andrew

Sarah

We are very proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad
Julie & Boys

Congratulations Jason

We're so proud of you!
You proved to all of us that you could do it by yourself! Terrific!
Be all that you can be - We love you!

Dad, Cheryl & Jeff

MISSY
THE YEARS HAVE COME AND GONE SO FAST
I ONLY WISH I COULD HAVE MADE THEM LAST
NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO OR WHAT YOU DO
REMEMBER I'LL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU.
LOVE
MOM

Shawn,

We love you and are very proud and blessed to have you as a son. Your self-motivation and abilities continue to impress us. We know that you will always do your best no matter what you pursue.

Love,
Mom & Dad

CHRISTINA,

When you first started school, you couldn't wait to come home. Now you can't wait to go off to school and leave home. Remember to leave your brother's clothes at home. Learn and earn. We love you and are proud of your achievements.

MOM & DAD
JEFF & BRENT

Rachael,

You came to us as a Christmas gift. We have watched you grow and mature. Now as you go into the world, be assured that in our hearts we hold you dear.

May our Lord watch over you and give you joy and wisdom.

We Love You,
Dad & Mom

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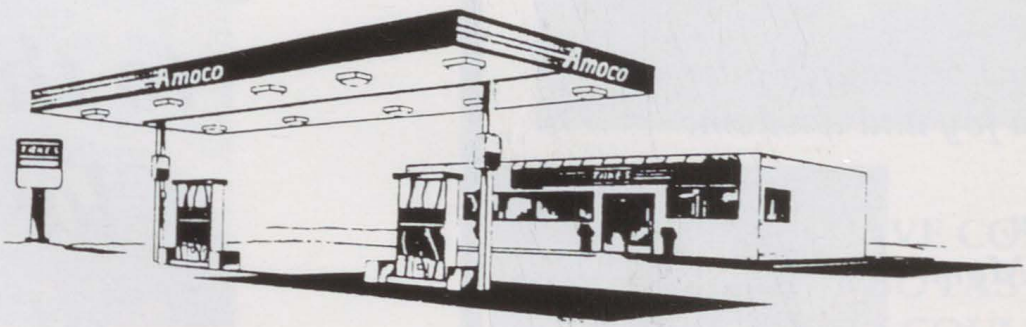

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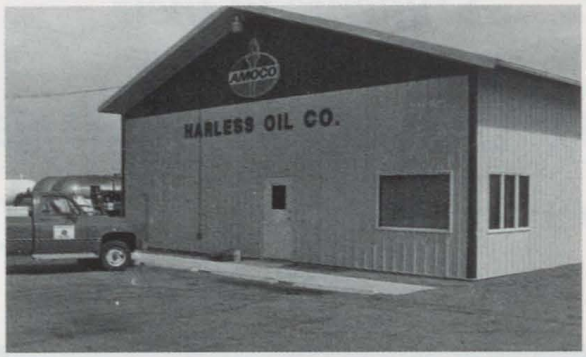

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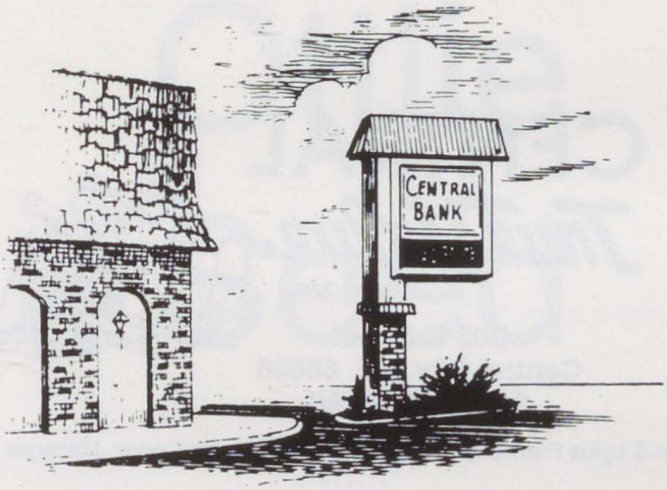

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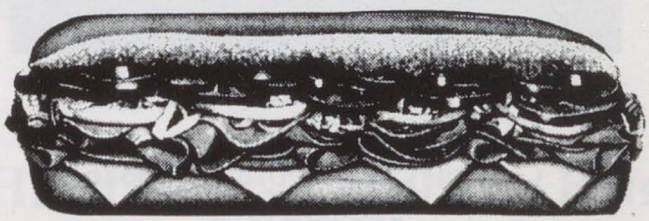

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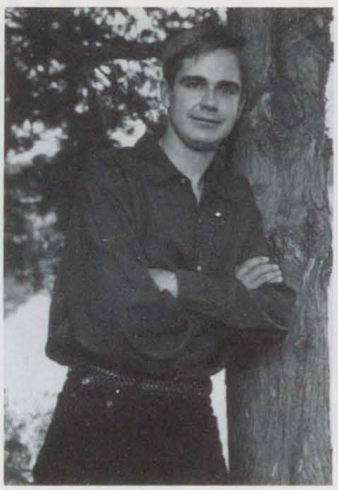

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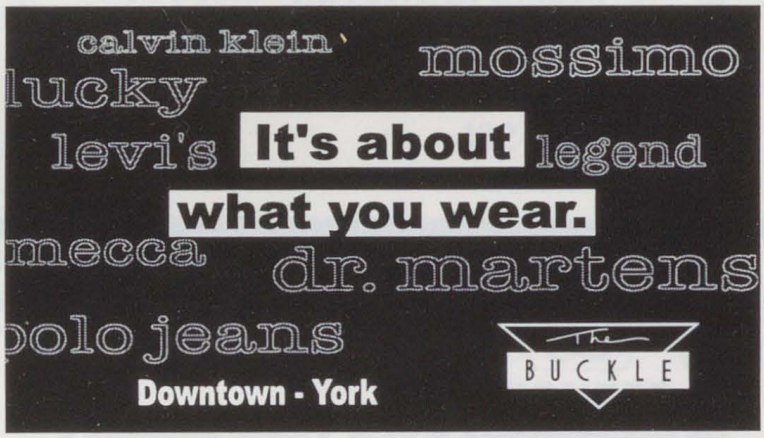

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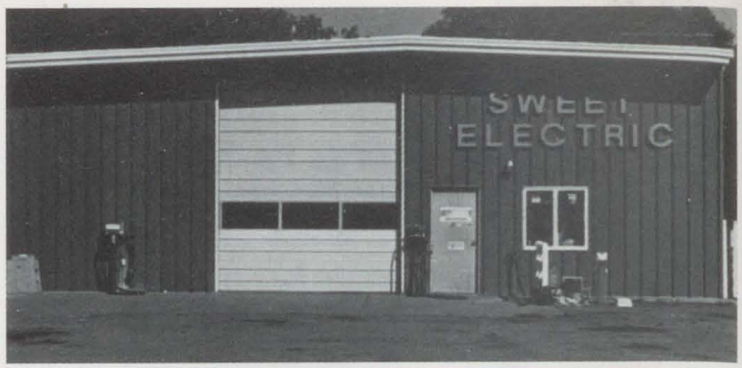

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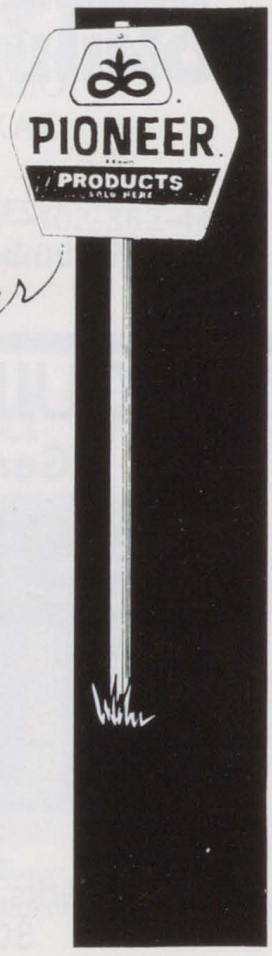

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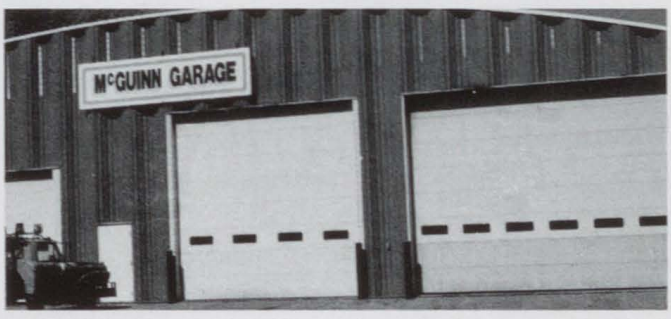

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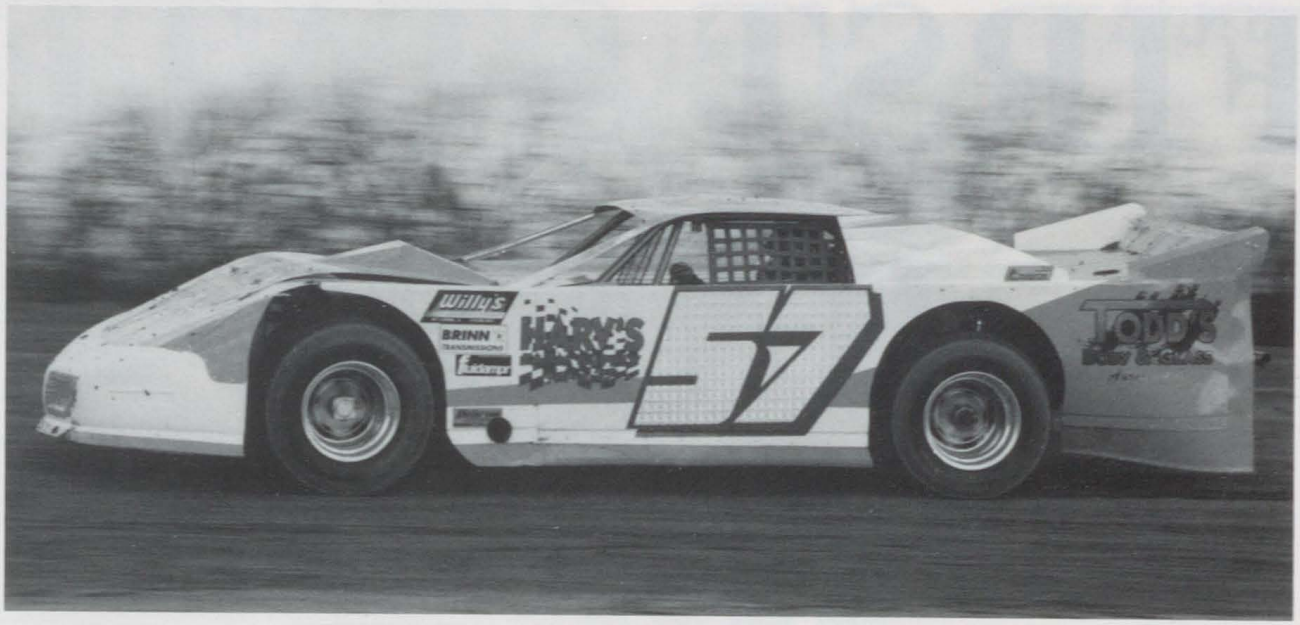

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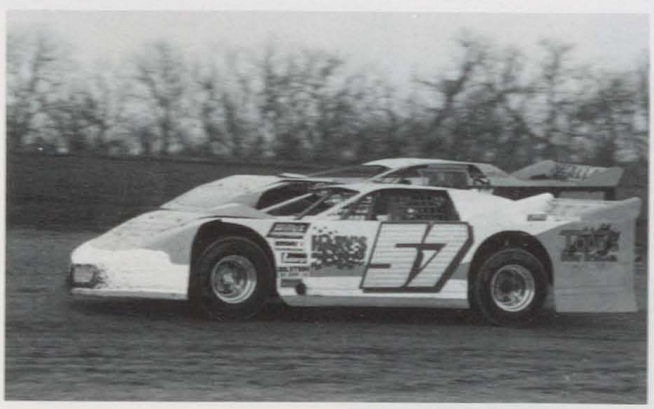

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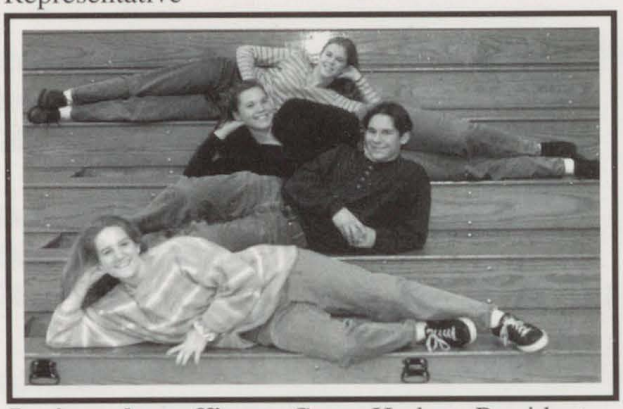

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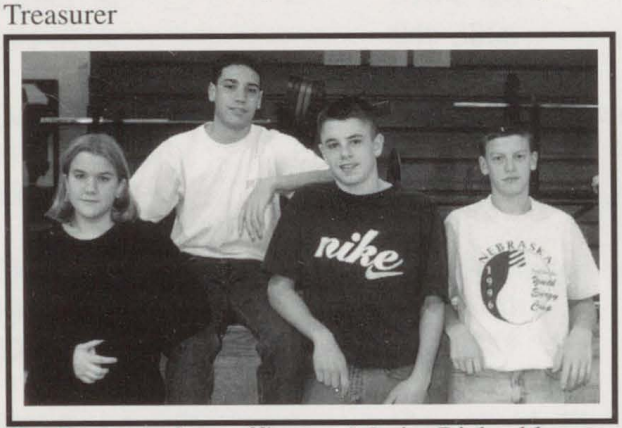

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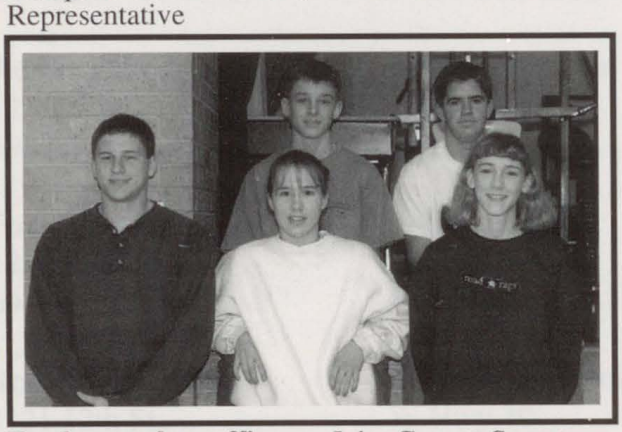

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The book was printed by Walsworth Publishing Company in Marceline, Missouri. Greg Adams, from Lincoln, Nebraska, was the sales representative.

The book was produced on computer using Pagemaker and the pages were disk submitted to the factory for printing. A variety of layout styles were used throughout the book. The type set for the body of the book was Times. Body copy was 12-point, captions were 10-point and headlines were a variety of sizes and type sets. The paper stock used for the book was 80-pound enamel.

Pictures used were taken by the annual staff and other interested students. Processing was done through various stores. The underclassmen photos were taken by Life-Touch, the group sports pictures by T & L Photography in Aurora and the senior portraits were taken by a variety of photography studios in the area.

There were 110 books printed, each containing 88 pages. Prices for the yearbook were $20, without name on the cover and $22, with name printed on the cover.

Annual staff members were all seniors: Sondre Asdoel, Justin Cox, Keith Gress, Dusty Hill, Jason Lindburg, Nick Reeves and Melissa Stewart. Linda Gilson was the advisor.

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